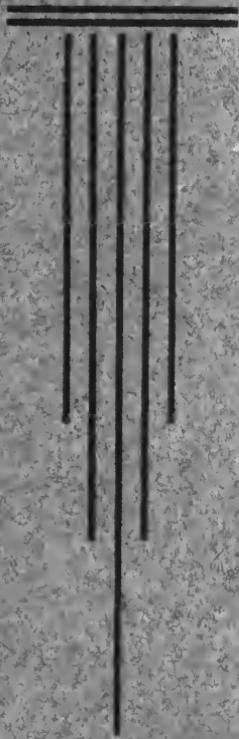


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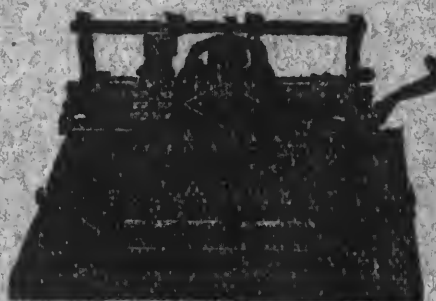
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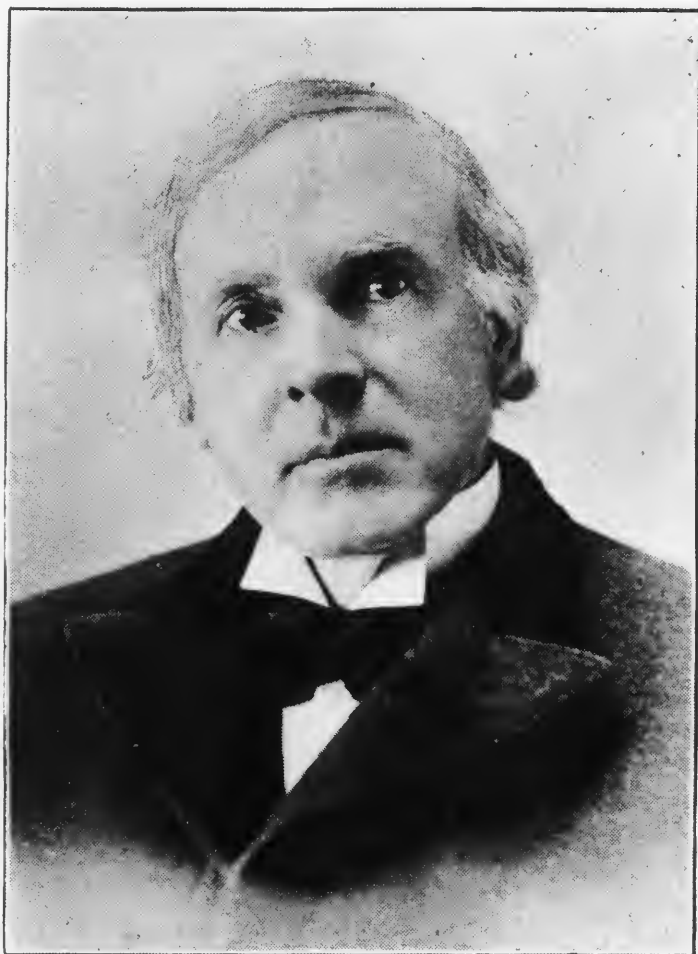
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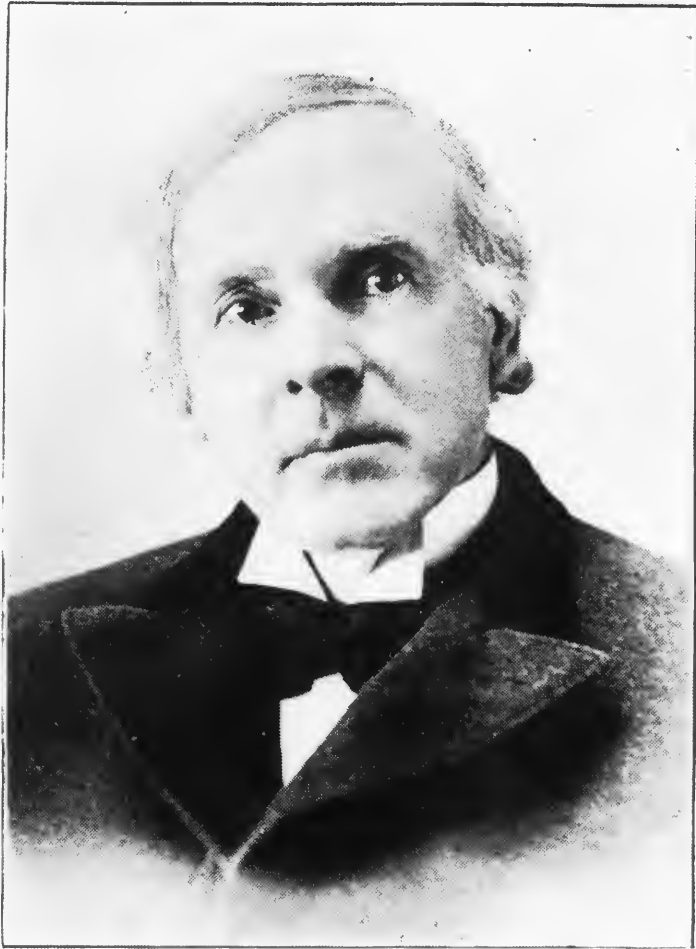
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	Time	Conference	Time	Manner		
Aitcheson, A. J....	Ind. M E Ch	1911	Credentials..	Effective Kennebec
Black, W. A.....	....	Upper Ia....	1908	Transfer....	Effective	..... Brookings
Boyce, O. E.....	1902	Dakota	1902	Probation...	Effective	..... Watertown
Boslaugh, C. C....	1907	Dakota	1907	Probation...	Effective	..... Frankfort
Bromaghim, F. I..	1895	Dakota	1895	Probation...	Effective	..... DeVoe
Brown, G. D.....	1897	Dakota	1897	Probation...	Effective	..... Beresford
Brown, S. E.....	1890	Des Moines.	1909	Transfer....	Effective	..... Groton
Brown, J. Henry..	1910	Dakota	1910	Probation...	Effective	..... Hecla
Bruce, R. A.....	....	Iowa	1911	Transfer....	Effective	..... Gettysburg
Bryan, C. H.....	1910	Dakota	1910	Credentials..	Effective	.....
Bunt, P. O.....	1902	Dakota	1902	Probation...	Effective	..... Alexandria
Buriff, A. E.....	....	Iowa	1909	Transfer....	Effective	..... Madison
Butterfield, O. W..	1903	Dakota	1903	Probation....	Super'ry	..... Miller
Calfee, W. J.....	.....	Nebraska ..	1906	Transfer....	Effective	..... Cody, Wyo.
Carhart, A. E.....	1892	Dakota	1892	Probation...	Effective	..... Mitchell
Cathers, A.....	1906	Dakota	1906	Probation..	Super'ary	..... Bruce
Chamberlain D. W.	1874	N. W. Ia....	1885	Chart Mbr...	Sup't...	..... Mitchell
Chappell, E. S.....	1891	Dakota	1891	Probation...	Effective	..... Hot Springs
Corwin, G. J.....	1886	Dakota	1886	Probation...	Sup't....	..... Artesian
Clark, C. B.....	1864	Iowa	1900	Transfer....	Effective	..... Hot Springs
Clayton, John.....	1909	Dakota	1909	Transfer....	Effective	..... Iroquois
Crisp, M. R.....	....	Nebraska ..	1910	Transfer....	Effective	..... Webster
Crowder, U. S.....	1897	Baltimore ..	1909	Probation...	Effective	..... Winner
Crowther, James...	1894	Dakota	1904	Probation...	Effective	..... Evanston, Ill.
Darling, L. W.....	1911	Dakota	1911	Probation...	Effective	..... Gary
Dean, E. E.....	1896	Dakota	1896	Probation....	Super'ry	..... Huron
Deeble, W. D.....	1888	Dakota	1888	Probation...	Effective	..... Conde
Dobson, J. O.....	1885	Upper Ia....	1892	Transfer....	Effective	..... Mt. Vernon, Ia.
Douglas, W. J.....	1905	West Neb...	1908	Transfer....	Effective	..... Davis
Dunn, F. B.....	1888	Des Moines..	1904	Transfer....	Effective	..... Kimball
Eberhart, H. P....	1907	Dakota	1907	Probation...	Effective	..... Parker
Egner, G. D.....	1907	N. W. Neb..	1908	Transfer....	Effective	..... Fulton
Ellis, I. W.....	1907	S. Illinois...	1911	Transfer....	Effective	..... Tulare
Evans, J. D.....	....	Holston	1911	Transfer....	Super'ry	.....
Fanesbust, Nels...	1911	Dakota	1911	Probation...	Effective	..... Mitchell
Farr, H. I.....	1903	Dakota	1902	Probation....	Supply..	..... Turlock, Cal.
Ferguson, W. T....	1900	St. Louis...	1908	Transfer....	Effective	..... Gregory
Fillebrown, C. L..	1893	Cent. Ohio..	1903	Transfer....	Effective	..... Quinn
Fisher, E. V.....	1904	Wisconsin ..	1909	Transfer....	Effective	..... Chamberlain
Franklin, J. F.....	1908	W. Wis	1910	Transfer....	Effective	..... White Rock
Gale, W. E.....	1896	N. New Y..	1903	Transfer....	Effective	..... Plankinton
Gardner, Paul.....	1900	Des Moines.	1905	Transfer....	Effective	..... Salem
Gibson, J. F.....	1890	Des Moines.	1911	Transfer....	Effective	..... Woonsocket
Gilliland, C. V.....	1900	Upper Ia....	1905	Transfer....	Effective	..... Mitchell
Graf, C. H.....	1909	Dakota	1909	Probation...	Effective	..... Gaysville
Graham, W. I.....	1878	Iowa	1897	Transfer....	Super'ry	..... Watertown
Gram, W. O.....	1893	Dakota	1893	Probation...	Sup't....	..... Bath
Greene, W. A.....	1897	Dakota	1897	Probation...	Effective	..... Geddes
Greene, Jos. N.....	....	N. W. Ind...	1910	Transfer....	Effective	..... Watertown
Greene, J. Clarence	1910	Dakota	1910	Probation...	Effective Presho
Gurney, J. T.....	1894	Detroit	1900	Transfer....	Effective McClure

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Habgood, M. T.....	1911	Dakota	1911	Probation...	Effective Langford
Hager, C. E.....	1878	Upper Ia....	1885	Chart Mbr..	Effective Mitchell
Hall, J. G.....	1886	Ohio	1886	Transfer.....	Sup't....	..... Holtville, Cal.
Hall, John.....	1899	Black Hill..	1900	Transfer.....	Effective	..... Lead
Hargett, I. M.....	....	N. W. Ia....	1910	Transfer.....	Effective	..... Wessington Springs
Harkness, J. S.....	1894	Wesleyan ...	1894	Credentials..	Effective	..... Aberdeen
Harrold, C. B.....	1911	Dakota	1911	Probation...	Effective	..... Murdo
Hartt, Albert.....	1903	E. Maine ...	1908	Transfer.....	Effective	..... Britton
Hartsough, L.....	1851	Oncida	1885	Chart Mbr..	Sup't....	..... Mt. Vernon, Ia.
Hartung, W. E.....	1909	Dakota	1909	Probation...	Effective	..... White
Hcagland, J. S.....	1894	N. W. Ind...	1909	Transfer.....	Effective	..... Mitchell
Holgate, Ernest....	1907	Dakota	1907	Probation...	Effective	..... Milbank
Hocking, A. E.....	1909	Dakota	1909	Probation...	Effective	..... Mitchell
Holmes, E. E.....	1906	N. W. Ind ..	1911	Transfer.....	Effective	..... Dallas
Hoyer, A. J.....	1911	Dakota	1911	Probation...	Effective	..... White Lake
Hughes, R. B.....	1889	Des Moines..	1906	Transfer.....	Effective	..... Springfield
Hunter, J. M.....	1908	Dakota	1908	Probation...	Effective	..... Northville
Hunt, E. E. ....	....	Nebraska ...	1911	Transfer.....	Effective	..... Canton
Hyde, O. M.....	1903	Dakota	1903	Probation...	Effective	..... Big Stone Ctiy
Jamieson, A.....	1872	N. W. Icwa..	1885	Chart Mbr..	Sup't....	Correctionville, Iowa
Janes, A. P.....	1890	Dakota	1890	Probation...	Effective	..... Dell Rapids
Jenkins, J. P.....	1887	Dakota	1887	Probation...	Effective	..... Mitchell
Johnson, N. P.....	1894	W. N. Dan..	1899	Transfer.....	Effective	..... Carpenter
Kaye, John.....	1897	Dakota	1897	Probation...	Effective	..... Garden City
Kearson, J. H.....	1905	Dakota	1905	Probation...	Effective	..... Miller
Kerfott, S. F.....	1897	Minnesota ..	1908	Transfer.....	Effective	..... Mitchell
Kratz, R. N.....	1909	Dakota	1909	Probation...	Effective	..... Pukwana
Lane, Louis L.....	1899	Dakota	1899	Probation...	Effective	..... Mitchell
Layne, Lawrence..	1907	Dakota	1907	Probation...	Effective	..... Doland
Logsdon, C. E.....	1899	Upper Ia....	1899	Transfer.....	Super'ry	..... Mitchell
Loveall, A. S.....	1880	W. Va.	1905	Probation...	Effective	..... Scotland
Little, E. R.....	1909	Dakota	1909	Probation...	Effective	..... Lake Preston
Lucas, J. W.....	1907	Dakota	1907	Re-admitted.	Effective	..... Custer
Machemer, E. O...	1907	Dakota	1907	Probation...	Effective	..... Lane
Matthews, G. T....	1910	Dakota	1910	Probation...	Effective	..... Wolsey
Minkler, R. G.....	1908	N. W. Iowa..	1911	Transfer.....	Effective	..... Howard
McBeth, P. H.....	1903	Dakota	1903	Probation...	Effective	..... Mitchell
McDonald, L. A....	1911	Dakota	1911	Transfer.....	Effective	..... Highmore
McEldowney, B.W.	1902	Dakota	1902	Probation...	Effective	..... Hazel
McKinney, J. E....	....	N. Dakota...	1910	Transfer.....	Effective	..... Bowdle
MacLean, A. C.....	1904	Dakota	1904	Probation...	Effective	..... Clark
Mocre, D. W.....	1906	Minnesota ..	1909	Transfer.....	Effective	.....
Morrison, F. E....	....	Icwa	1910	Transfer.....	Effective	..... Andover
Nickerson, M. E....	1885	N. W. Ia....	1885	Char. Mbr..	Effective	..... Alpena
Nicholson, Thos....	1886	Michigan ...	1903	Transfer.....	Effective	..... New York, N. Y.
Norton, F. J.....	1878	Upper Ia....	1885	Transfer.....	Sup't....	..... Mitchell
Norvell, J. E.....	1885	N. W. Iowa..	1885	Chart Mbr..	Effective	..... Axial, Col.
Notson, G. T.....	1893	Des Moines..	1894	Transfer.....	Effective	..... Huron
Oakley, J. N.....	1910	Dakota	1910	Probation...	Effective	..... Oldham
Ozanne, H. G.....	1906	N. Ind	1907	Transfer.....	Effective	..... Cresbard
Page, F. C.....	1911	Dakota	1909	Probation...	Effective Bradley
Payne, J. P.....	1894	Iowa	1906	Transfer.....	Effective Missoula, Mont.

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Phillips, O. A.....	1863	Un'd Bret...	1885	Chart Mbr...	Sup't... Mitchell
Potter, I. P.....	1897	Dakota	1907	Probation...	Effective Tyndall
Potter, J. W.....	1887	Iowa	1911	Transfer....	Effective	..... Sioux Falls
Rawlinson Fred...	1910	Dakota	1910	Probation...	Effective	..... DeSmet
Ray, F. H.....	1908	Dakota	1908	Probation...	Effective	..... Henry
Redfield, W. O.....	1890	Dakota	1890	Probation...	Effective	..... Tripp
Rifenbark, D.....	1885	N. W. Ia....	1885	Char. Mbr.....	Sup't	..... Big Stone City
Riley, H. C.....	1906	Dakota	1906	Credentials..	Effective	..... Artesian
Rosenberry, G. W.	1895	Cent. N. Y..	1901	Transfer....	Effective	..... Huron
Roush, D. I.....	1910	N. Neb.	1910	Transfer....	Effective	..... Redfield
Sanderson, N. F...	1907	Dakota	1907	Probation...	Effective	..... Andover
Saxton, E. E.....	1901	Dakota	1901	Probation...	Effective	..... Wakonda
Seaton, J. L.....	1897	Upper Ia....	1904	Transfer....	Effective	..... Mitchell
Shearer, R. C.....	1908	Dakota	1908	Probation...	Effective	..... Sisseton
Shepherd, A. C....	1898			Probation...	Effective	..... Sioux Falls
Shepherd, W. S....	1898	Dakota	1898	Probation...	Effective	..... Mitchell
Sevy, I. B.....	1901	Dakota	1901	Probation....	Super'y	..... Long Pine, Neb.
Simmons, T.....	1875	Upper Ia....	1885	Char. Mbr...	Effective	..... Faulkton
Simmons, E. E.....	1896	N. W. Ia....	1903	Transfer....	Effective	..... Waubay
Shurtleff, S. H....	1905	Dakota	1905	Probation...	Effective	..... Sioux Falls
Smith, J. T. B....	1899	N. Minn....	1911	Transfer....	Effective	..... Blunt
Spitz, S. F.....	1911	N. Minn....	1911	Re-admitted	Effective	..... Hitchcock
Springer, H. M....	1864	W. Wis.....	1885	Char. Mbr.....	Sup't	..... Hartford, Vt.
Stebbins, C. M....	1892	Vermont ...	1909	Transfer....	Effective	..... McNeely, S. D.
Stevens, J. D.....	1909	Dakota	1909	Probation...	Effective	..... Rockham
Tanner, A. E.....	1883	Genesse ...	1885	Transfer....	Sup't....	..... Mitchell
Tarleton, R. E....	1905	Dakota	1905	Probation...	Effective	..... Arlington
Taylor, O. W.....	1894	Minnesota .	1911	Transfer....	Effective	..... Aberdeen
Thibodeau, A. D...	1904	Dakota	1904	Probation...	Effective	..... Pierre
Thomas, C. B.....	1902	S. Illinois..	1911	Probation...	Effective	..... Armour
Thomas, Martin...	1901	Dakota	1901	Probation...	Effective	..... Logan, Utah
Thurston, A. W...	1897	Dakota	1907	Probation...	Effective	..... Flandreau
Tibbetts, J. M.....	1899	N. W. Ia....	1906	Transfer....	Effective	..... Yankton
Trevithick, T. H...	1892	Dakota	1905	Transfer....	Effective	..... Platte
Vernon, E. E.....	1911	Dakota	1911	Probation...	Effective	..... Ahton
Walsh, J. L.....	1911	Dakota	1911	Probation...	Effective	..... St. Lawrence
Ward, A. M.....	1905	Dakota	1905	Probation....	Super'y	..... Northville
Weir Samuel.....	....	.....	1910	Transfer....	Effective	..... Mitchell
Weston, P. H.....	1907	Dakota	1907	Probation...	Effective	..... Black Hills
White, F. E.....	1882	New Hamp.	1909	Transfer....	Effective	..... Black Hills
Whitmer, A. B....	1890	Nebraska ..	1909	Transfer....	Effective	..... Lincoln, Neb.
Wilber, T. B.....	....	N. W. Ind..	1910	Transfer....	Effective	..... Vermillion
Wilcox, C. E.....	1908	Dakota	1908	Probation...	Effective	..... Faulkton
Wilkinson, T.....	1871	Prim. Metl.	1891	Credentials.	Sup't....	..... Silcam Sp'gs, Ark.
Wilkinson, W. A...	1903	N. W. Ia....	1904	Transfer....	Effective	..... Boston, Mass.
Wiley, J. A.....	1883	W. Wis.....	1908	Transfer....	Effective	..... Selby
Wood, John.....	1909	Dakota	1909	Probation...	Effective	..... Corona
Youngman, T. H...	1867	Oneida	1891	Transfer....	Sup't....	..... Canon City, Col.

PROBATIONERS

NAME	Admitted		Class	Address
	Confer- ence	Year		
Lockridge, C. D.....	Dakota	1907	Second year	Greencastle, Ind.
Ellis, J. S.....	Dakota	1910	Second year	Mellette
Davies, Thomas.....	Dakota	1910	Third year	Claremont
Jackson, O. P.....	Dakota	1910	Second year	Centerville
Rice, H. E.....	Dakota	1910	Second year	Elk Point
Deller, Wm. N.....	Dakota	1910	Second year	Hartford
Hartley, J. W.....	Dakota	1910	Second year	Burdette
Skinner, C. W.....	Dakota	1910	Second year	Elkton
Ronshousen August...	Dakota	1911	First year	Roscoe
Howell Ralph.....	Dakota	1911	First year	Vivian
Beardsley, A. H.....	Dakota	1911	First year	Colten
Book, G. H.....	Dakota	1911	First year	Davis
Brethorst, P. V.....	Dakota	1911	First year	Garretson
Burrows, H. C.....	Dakota	1911	First year	Bath
Dudgeon, W. J.....	Dakota	1911	First year	Clear Lake
Wilson, A. L.....	Dakota	1911	First year	Roswell
Tanner Frank.....	Dakota	1911	First year	Bruce
Redmayne, Ernest....	Dakota	1911	First year	Leola
Christianson, N. A....	Dakota	1911	First year	Egan
Bullock, C. D.....	Dakota	1909	First year	Seneca
McClarion, W. C.....	Dakota	1909	First year	Mitchell
Underwood, E. T.....	Dakota	1909	First year	Wagner
Bradley, T. W.....	Dakota	1909	First year	Ethan

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS

Aberdeen District

Ashton	\$ 100	Roscoe	200
Bath	100	Westport	150
Bowdle	150	Hecla	100
Bradley	100	Frederick	50
Carlyle	100	Claremont	100
Corona	100	Waubay ..	75
Cresbard	200	Summit	100
Florence	150		
Langford	100		
Leola	100	Total	\$1975

Huron District

Agar	\$ 250	Seneca	40
Carpenter	100	St. Lawrence	100
Gorman	50	Wessington	100
Lane	100	Wolsey	100
Pearl Creek & Richland	50	New Work	200
Rockham	100	Total	\$1,190

Mitchell District

Bridgewater	60	Murdo	215
Bard	50	Presho	100
Colome	275	Tripp Co. Mission	280
Danton	200	Vivian and Draper	200
Dallas	275	Vivian Ct.	80
Fairfax and Herrick	225	Winner	275
Gregory	150		
Iona	250	Total	2915
Kennebec	280		

Sioux Falls District

Alcester	\$ 50	Lennox	80
Colton	60	Montrose	60
Davis	30	Sioux Falls, Jordan	120
Garretson	110		
Harrisburg	50	Total	\$660
Hudson	100		

Watertown District

Bruce	150	Junus	80
Castlewood	100	Lake Preston	60
Chester	40	Oldham	100
Clear Lake	100	Roswell	80
DeSmet	150		
Frankfort	100	Total	960

JOURNAL OF SESSION

FIRST DAY

Aberdeen, S. D., Wednesday, Ooct. 11, 1911.

Opening—The Twenty-seventh session of the Dakota Annual Conference convened in the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Aberdeen, S. D., October 11, 1911, at 9 o'clock A. M., Bishop Robert McIntyre, presiding. The Bishop addressed the Conference, and assisted by the District Superintendents, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Roll Call—The secretary of the last Conference called the roll and the following responded: O. E. Boyce, C. C. Boslaugh, F. L. Bromaghin, G. D. Brown, S. E. Brown, J. H. Brown, P. O. Bunt, A. E. Buriff, O. W. Butterfield, W. J. Calfee, A. E. Carhart, John Clayton, U. S. Crowder, James Crowther, W. D. Deeble, J. O. Dobson, F. B. Dunn, H. P. Eberhart, W. T. Ferguson, C. L. Fillebrown, E. V. Fisher, J. F. Franklin, Paul Gardner, C. H. Graf, W. O. Gram, W. A. Greene, J. N. Greene, J. T. Gurney, C. E. Hager, J. S. Harkness, Albert Hartt, W. E. Hartung, J. S. Hoagland, Ernest Holgate, A. E. Hocking, R. B. Hughes, J. M. Hunter, O. M. Hyde, A. P. Janes, J. P. Jenkins, N. P. Johnson, R. N. Kratz, J. H. Kearton, S. F. Kerfoot, L. L. Layne, A. S. Loveall, E. R. Little, G. T. Mathews, J. E. McKinney, A. C. MacLean, F. E. Morrison, M. E. Nickerson, Thomas Nicholson, G. T. Notson, J. N. Oakley, H. G. Ozanne, Fred Rawlinson, F. H. Ray, W. O. Redfield, H. C. Riley, G. W. Rosenberry, E. E. Saxton, J. L. Seaton, R. C. Shearer, A. C. Shepherd, W. S. Shepherd, J. D. Stevens, J. W. Taylor, A. D. Thibodeau, A. W. Thurston, J. M. Tibbetts, T. H. Trevithic, T. B. Wilber, C. E. Wilcox, J. A. Willey, John Wood.

Probationers—C. B. Harrold, Nels Fanebust, L. A. McDonald, F. C. Page, L. W. Darling, E. E. Vernon, A. J. Hoyer, J. L. Walsh, J. S. Ellis, Thomas Davies, O. P. Jackson, H. E. Rice, Wm. Deller, J. W. Hartley, C. W. Skinner.

Deceased—The Conference, standing, listened to the call of the deceased members.

Organization—G. D. Brown was elected Secretary and upon his nomination A. E. Buriff, H. P. Eberhart and A. C. MacLean were elected assistants.

J. M. Hunter was re-elected Treasurer and nominated H. G. Ozanne, Albert Hartt, R. C. Shearer, G. W. Rosenberry, and J. W. Darling as assistants, and they were elected.

A. W. Thurston was re-elected Statistical Secretary and F. L. Bromaghim, J. D. Stevens, C. E. Wilcox, E. E. Saxton and W. E. Hartung were elected assistant Statisticians.

Postmaster—O. M. Hyde was elected postmaster.

Reporters—A. E. Buriff was elected reporter for the religious press and C. L. Fillebrown for the secular press.

Conference Bar—The bar of the Conference was fixed at the eighth pew, counting from the front.

Time of Meeting—The hour for opening the business sessions of the Conference was fixed at 8:30 A. M. and the closing hour at 12 M., the first thirty minutes to be given to devotional exercises.

Transfers—The Bishop announced the following transfers: O. W. Taylor, from the Minnesota Conference; J. F. Gibson, from the Des Moines Conference; R. A. Bruce, from the Iowa Conference; Charles B. Thomas, from the Southern Illinois Conference; R. J. Minkler, from the Northwest Iowa Conference; E. E. Hunt, from the Illinois Conference; E. E. Holmes, from the Northwest Indiana Conference; I. W. Ellis, from the Southern Illinois Conference; J. W. Potter, from the Iowa conference. Those present were introduced to the Conference.

Committees—The Standing Committees were read, revised and approved, and the secretary requested to post a list of the same.

On motion of G. T. Notson, a special committee on Evangelism consisting of J. W. Potter, chairman; W. J. Calfee, J. S. Hoagland, A. C. MacLean and Albert Hartt were elected. This committee was requested to report on the Men and Religion Forward Movement.

Introduction—Dr. L. O. Hartman was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of the Board of Sunday Schools.

Dr. Thomas Nicholson also addressed the Conference in the interest of the Board of Education.

Methodist Review—Ernest Holgate was elected solicitor for the Methodist Review.

Question Fourteen—"was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. The following District Superintendents were called, passed in character and read their reports: J. S. Harkness, of the Aberdeen District; G. T. Notson, of the Huron District, and W. S. Shepherd, of the Mitchell District.

The following effective elders in charge were called, passed in character, and those present reported: J. W. Taylor, F. E. Morrison, Harry Lee, O. M. Hyde, J. E. McKinney, J. A. Willey, W. D. Deeble, H. G. Ozanne, F. L. Bromaghim, S. E. Brown, Ernest

Holgate, J. M. Hunter, Albert Hartt, M. R. Crisp, J. F. Franklin, M. E. Nickerson, B. W. McEldowney, A. S. Loveall, G. W. Rosenberry, Paul Gardner, J. F. Gibson, A. D. Thibodeau, D. I. Roush, N. P. Johnson, Thomas Sanderson, I. M. Hargett.

Drafts—The Bishop announced dividends from the Book Concern of \$1,579, and from the chartered fund of \$30, and drafts for the same were passed to the chairman of the Board of Stewards.

Statistical Session—A statistical session was ordered for two o'clock and the Bishop appointed Thomas Nicholson to preside.

Closing—The announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

Statistical Session

Wednesday, October 11, 1911.

The Conference convened at two o'clock with Thomas Nicholson in the chair. The roll of charges was called and the statistics were collected.

On motion it was ordered that the next session of Dakota Conference be requested to make the collecting of pastor's statistics the order of business immediately following its organization.

Announcements were made and Conference adjourned.

Second Day.

Thursday, October 12, 1911.

Opening—The devotional exercises were conducted by W. J. Calfee. The Bishop took the chair at nine o'clock A. M. The roll of absentees was called and the following answered to their names: W. A. Black, C. B. Clark, I. M. Hargett, A. Jamieson, John Kaye, Louis L. Lane, B. W. McEldowney, I. P. Potter, D. I. Roush, S. H. Shurtleff, Samuel Wier.

Probationers—C. B. Thomas, M. T. Habgood, T. W. Bradley, E. T. Underwood.

The minutes of the Wednesday morning session were read and approved.

Introduction—The following members recently transferred into this Conference were introduced: J. W. Potter, Chas. B. Thomas, D. I. Roush, I. M. Hargett, J. F. Gibson.

Memoirs—On motion of A. Jamieson, it was ordered that after this session the memorial service be held on the second day of the Conference session at eleven A. M.

Order of the Day—On motion of J. S. Hoagland the election of delegates to the General Conference was made the order of the day for ten o'clock on Friday, or immediately after the admission of the class of probationers into full membership. It was further ordered that the report of the committee on Education be heard immediately after the first ballot is taken.

Question Fourteen—was resumed. The following effective elders in charge were called, passed in character and those present reported. P. H. McBeth, E. V. Fisher, A. B. Whitmer, G. D. Egner, A. P. Janes, W. P. Ferguson, U. S. Crowder, F. B. Dunn, J. S. Hoagland, W. A. Greene, W. A. Wilkinson, R. N. Kratz, C. E. Wilcox, R. B. Hughes, W. O. Redfield, J. T. Gurney, I. P. Potter, J. H. Kearton.

A. C. Shepherd, Superintendent of the Sioux Falls District was passed in character and read his report.

The following elders in charge were passed in character and those present reported their collections: A. E. Buriff, W. E. Gale, A. W. Thurston, H. P. Eberhart, T. H. Trevithic, J. M. Brown, S. H. Shurtleff, Fred E. White, E. E. Saxton, J. M. Tibbetts.

O. E. Boyce, Superintendent of the Watertown District, was passed in character, and read his report.

The following effective elders in charge were passed in character and those present reported their collections: R. E. Tarleton, W. A. Black, A. C. MacLean, L. L. Layne, John Kaye, J. B. Dibble, P. O. Bunt, Duane Rifembark, J. N. Greene.

Message—On motion of J. P. Jenkins, the secretary was instructed to send to Duane Rifembark a telegram expressing the sympathy and love of the Conference.

The following effective elders under special appointment were passed in character: Thomas Nicholson, S. F. Kerfoot, C. B. Clark, John Hall, E. O. Machemer, T. B. Wilber, J. W. Lucas, C. H. Bryan, C. L. Fillebrown, W. J. Douglass, Martin Thomas, E. S. Chappell, Joel A. Smith, J. E. Norvell, W. J. Calfee, G. D. Brown, C. M. Stebbons, L. L. Lane, A. E. Carhart, C. E. Hager, J. O. Dobson, James Crowther, N. F. Sanderson, J. P. Jenkins, J. L. Seaton, C. V. Gilliland, Samuel Wier.

A. B. Whitmer, W. L. Mienzer, J. E. Norvell and Duane Rifembark desiring a change of relation, were referred to the committee on Conference Relations.

The cases of A. C. Smith and A. L. Cathers were referred to the committee on Conference Relations.

Introductions—The following were introduced and addressed the Conference: W. E. J. Gratz for the Board of Conference Claimants; R. N. Holsapple for the Anti-Saloon League; Miss Nellie Snider for the Home Missionary Society; Ward Platt for the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension; Miss Olive Paul for Asbury

Hospital, and Alice Bielski for the Helping Hand Mission, of Sioux City.

A. C. Stevens, Superintendent of the Black Hills Mission, and George H. Wessel, Superintendent of the Dakota District of the Northwest German Conference were introduced.

Question Sixteen—"Who have died?" was taken up. W. F. Minty, Oliver Williams and Frank Fox were reported as having died during the year.

Question Thirty-two—"Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. The invitation from Yankton presented by J. M. Tibbetts was unanimously accepted.

Excused—J. E. McKinney and H. C. Riley were excused from the Friday's session of Conference.

Question Twenty-three—"Who are the supernumerary preachers?" was taken up. Thomas Simmons, H. I. Farr, E. E. Dean, A. M. Ward, J. R. Payne and W. I. Graham were passed in character and continued in the same relation.

On motion of G. T. Notson, F. P. Cook was located.

W. L. Meinzer, desiring to unite with the Congregational church, was permitted to withdraw and the proper notation was ordered inscribed on his credentials.

O. W. Butterfield, desiring a change of relation was referred to the committee on Conference Relations.

The case of I. B. Sevy was referred to the committee on Conference Relations with a view to his location.

Question Twenty-Four—"Who are the superannuated preachers," was taken up. Lewis Hartough, F. J. Norton, J. G. Hall, D. W. Chamberlain, T. H. Youngman, H. M. Springer, Thomas Wilkinson, Archibald Jamieson, O. A. Phillips, A. E. Tanner, W. O. Gram, G. J. Corwin, were passed in character and continued in the same relation.

C. E. Logsdon was passed in character and referred to the committee on Conference Relations.

Archibald Jamieson addressed the Conference and communications from a number of others were read.

Messages—On motion of Thomas Nicholson the secretary was instructed to send letters of fraternal greetings from the Conference to all the superannuated preachers.

On motion the time was extended.

Reports—On motion of A. W. Thurston it was ordered that the last year's record of the membership and church property of churches from which no report has been received today be inserted in the statistical report, and that the benevolences in such cases go unpublished.

Closing—Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

Third Day.

Friday, October 13, 1911.

Opening—The devotional exercises were led by W. J. Calfee. The Bishop took the chair at nine o'clock A. M.

The minutes of the statistical session held Wednesday and of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Question Eight—"Who have been admitted into full membership?" was taken up. Maurice T. Habgood, Ernest E. Vernon, James L. Walsh, Leroy W. Darling, Arthur J. Hoyer, Fernando C. Page were passed in character, reported their collections, were admitted into full membership, subject to answering the disciplinary questions, were elected to Deacon's orders and advanced to the studies of the third year.

Curtiss B. Harrold, Nels Fanebust and Edward E. Holmes were passed in character, reported their collections, were admitted into full membership, subject to answering the disciplinary questions.

Question Three—"Who have been re-admitted?" was taken up. On recommendation of the committee on Conference Relations, S. F. Spitz was re-admitted into the membership of the Dakota Conference.

Question Four—"Who have been received on credentials and from what churches?" was taken up. R. J. Aitcheson, from the Independent Methodist Church of England, was received on credentials and recognized as an elder.

Order of the Day—At ten o'clock the order of the day was taken up and the Conference proceeded to elect delegates to the General Conference. C. E. Wilcox, R. A. Bruce, Albert Hartt, S. H. Shurtleff, were appointed tellers and H. P. Eberhart was designated as secretary.

On motion of J. P. Jenkins all ballots having more or less than three names were ordered thrown out.

The first ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

On motion of Thomas Nicholson the special order for the reading and consideration of the report of the committee on Education was deferred until 10:30 A. M., on Saturday.

Evangelism—W. J. Calfee moved that the Lay-electoral Conference be requested to elect a committee of five to act with a committee on Evangelism appointed by this Conference and it was carried.

Introduced—Dr. S. A. Danforth, District Superintendent of Bismark District, of North Dakota Conference was introduced.

Address—Dr. Thomas Nicholson having attended the Ecumenical Conference delivered an address concerning it.

First Ballot—The result of the first ballot was announced. Thomas Nicholson received ninety votes and G. T. Notson, fifty and were elected. The Conference proceeded to take another ballot for one delegate to the General Conference.

Question Five—"Who have been received on trial?" was taken up. August Ronshausen, N. A. Christianson, Ralph Howell, Arthur H. Beardsley, George H. Book, Peter V. Brethorst, Harry C. Burrows, Wesley J. Dudgeon, Anthony L. Wilson and Frank Tanner were admitted on trial and placed in studies of the first year.

Second Ballot—The Bishop announced the result of the second ballot. There being no election a third ballot for the election of a General Conference delegate was taken.

Greetings—A telegram of greetings from the South Dakota Baptist Convention in session at Madison, referring to First Corinthians 15, 58 was read by the secretary.

On motion of A. D. Thibodeau, the secretary was requested to return greetings with proper scripture reference.

Third Ballot—The third ballot for the election of a delegate to the General Conference was announced. A. C. Shepherd received sixty-five votes and was elected. The Conference proceeded to elect three reserve delegates and the first ballot was taken.

On motion of Thomas Nicholson the class for admission on trial was called forward and introduced to the Conference.

Question Six—"Who have been continued on trial?" was taken up. Charles D. Bullock, Walter J. McClarinon, Eddy T. Underwood, Thomas W. Bradley, V. Kenneth Brown were passed in character and continued in the studies of the first year.

On motion Fred James was discontinued.

John S. Ellis, Thomas Davies, Orrin P. Jackson, Harry E. Rice, William N. Deller were passed in character, reported their collections, were continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the second year.

John W. Hartley and Carl W. Skinner were passed in character, reported their collections, continued on trial, and were advanced to the studies of the second year, conditioned in one study each.

Transfers—The following transfers were announced: J. W. Taylor, to Minnesota Conference, J. E. Lombard, to Des Moines Conference; J. B. Dibble, to North Nebraska Conference; Chester B. Thomas to North Indiana Conference; L. R. Keckler to North Nebraska Conference; J. M. Brown to Iowa Conference; J. G. Richardson to Columbia River Conference; Harry Lee to Oregon Conference; Thomas Sanderson to Northern Minnesota Conference; L. W. Scott to North Dakota Conference; Joseph Snowden to Upper Iowa Conference.

First Ballot—The Bishop announced the result of the first ballot for reserved delegates. S. F. Kerfoot received sixty-eight votes and J. P. Jenkins, sixty-four votes and were elected. A second ballot for a third reserve delegate to the General Conference was taken.

Question Nine—"What members are in the studies of the third year?" was taken up. C. H. Bryan, J. C. Greene, H. I. Farr, W. O. Gram, G. T. Matthews were passed in character and continued in the studies of the third year.

C. E. Logsdon was passed in character, continued in studies of the third year, and requested to locate next year.

Question Ten—"Who are in the studies of the fourth year?" was taken up. John N. Oakley, James H. Brown and Fred Rawlinson were passed in character, reported their collections and advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

Second Ballot—The Bishop announced the result of the second ballot for reserve delegates. J. S. Hoagland received sixty-five votes and was elected.

On motion the time was extended.

Question Twenty—"Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?" was taken up. On motion of G. T. Notson, A. C. Smith was permitted to withdraw from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church under charges.

On motion of Thomas Nicholson it was ordered that the matter of examinations in the Black Hills Mission be referred to the Board of Examiners with instructions to report Saturday morning.

Introduced—Mrs. J. P. Jenkins, Conference secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and Miss Cora White, member of the faculty of Dakota Wesleyan University, under appointment as Missionary to Japan, were introduced.

Excused—Thomas Nicholson, W. J. Calfee and J. E. Crowther were excused from further attendance upon the Conference Session.

Closing—The announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

Fourth Day.

Saturday, October 14, 1911.

Opening—Devotional exercises were conducted by I. M. Hargett. The Bishop took the chair at nine o'clock. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Transfer—The transfer of Joel A. Smith to West Nebraska Conference was announced.

Question Ten—was resumed. Joseph D. Stevens was passed in character, reported his collections and advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

Fred H. Ray and Perley H. Weston were passed in character; the first named reported his collections, and both were continued in the studies of the third year.

Question Eleven—"What members have completed the Conference course of study?" was taken up. John Clayton, Edward E. Little, Albert E. Hocking, John Wood, Charles H. Graf, William E. Hartung, Ralph C. Shearer, Chauncy C. Boslaugh, Ira W. Ellis, Harry C. Riley and John E. McKinney were passed in character, reported their collections, were graduated from the Conference course of study and elected to Elders orders.

Nels Fanebust and Curtis B. Harrold were graduated from the Conference course of study and elected to Elder's orders under the seminary rule.

Edward E. Holmes, already an Elder, was graduated from the Conference course of study.

Joseph Snowden and Daniel W. Moore were passed in character and continued in the studies of the fourth year.

Question Twelve—"What others were elected and ordained Deacons " was taken up. John W. A. Collins was elected to Deacon's orders as a local preacher.

Question Six—was resumed. Lorne A. McDonald was passed in character, was admitted into full membership and continued in the studies of the third year.

Question Five—was resumed. Ernest Redmayne was admitted on trial and placed in the studies of the first year.

Introductions—The Hon. R. S. Vessey, Governor of South Dakota; Dr. P. V. Maveety, Corresponding Secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society; Dr. A. E. Slothower, Secretary of the Des Moines Conference; Miss Cora Dilly, Secretary of the Deaconess Aid Society, were introduced. Dr. Maveety addressed the Conference in the interest of his work.

Examiners—The Bishop appointed the following as members of the Board of Examiners: J. L. Seaton, C. E. Wilcox, A. E. Bur-iff, J. N. Greene, Albert Hartt, W. D. Deeble, D. I. Roush, A. D. Thibodeau.

Evangelism—The report of the committee on Evangelism was read by J. W. Potter who, after its adoption, addressed the Conference on the Men and Religion Forward Movement.

Order of the Day—Dr. S. F. Kerfoot addressed the Conference in the interest of the Dakota Wesleyan University. The report of the committee on Education was read and adopted. (see report).

The list of Trustees of the Dakota Wesleyan University was

read and the secretary instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for the class of 1915 and for all others on the list not previously elected and it was done.

A resolution from the committee on Education was presented by A. D. Thibodeau and adopted. (see resolution)

Reports—The reports of the statistical secretary and of the treasurer were presented and adopted. (see statistical tables)

Triers of Appeals—The Bishop announced the appointment of the following as Triers of Appeals: J. S. Hoagland, G. W. Rosenberry, J. W. Potter, J. P. Jenkins, A. S. Loveall.

Corporate Session—On motion of G. T. Notson, the Conference convened in corporate session.

The secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for W. D. Deeble and G. T. Notson as trustees for the term of three years, which was done.

The corporate session then adjourned.

Sale of Churches—On motion of G. T. Notson the Conference authorized the sale of the Pembroke Church in Potter county, and the removal of the church at Carthage to Oldham.

On motion of A. C. Shepherd the sale of the Churches at Marion and Bloomingdale was authorized.

Closing—Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

Fifth Day

Monday, October 16, 1911.

Opening—Conference opened at 8:30 A. M. with devotional exercises conducted by I. M. Hargett. The Bishop took the chair at nine o'clock. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Transfers—The Bishop announced the transfers of J. D. Evans, from the Holston Conference and J. T. B. Smith from the Northern Minnesota Conference.

J. D. Evans, D. W. Moore and A. L. Cathers were granted the supernumerary relation.

A. B. Whitmer was granted the supernumerary relation, and I. B. Sevy was continued in the supernumerary relation and both were requested to locate.

V. Kenneth Brown was discontinued at his own request.

Duane Rifenbark was granted the superannuated relation and referred to the Board of Stewards.

On motion of O. E. Boyce the Conference accepted the gift of Church property at Toronto, S. D., from the Norwegian-Danish Conference, the Dakota Conference to assume the debt of \$250, owing the Board of Home Missions and Church Extensions on that property.

G. D. Brown and J. M. Hunter were elected to publish the minutes of this session under the same regulations of last year, to wit:

"The publication of 1,400 copies of the minutes to be distributed on the basis of one to every twelve members, and that the pastors shall pay for the same within thirty days after publication. Also that the District Superintendents be held responsible for the collection of all delinquent subscriptions after that date."

Question Twenty-Eight—"What are the claims on the Conference fund?" was taken up. The chairman of the Board of Stewards reported the amount at approximately \$7,500.

Question Twenty-Nine—"what has been received on these claims and how has it been applied?" was taken up. The chairman of the Board of Stewards reported \$4,880 received and presented the report of the Board as to how this sum was apportioned among the claimants, which was adopted. This Board also reported that five per cent of above amount, or \$109, had been forwarded to the treasurer of the Board of Conference Claimants at Chicago for the Connectional Fund. (See report.)

The Bishop called J. P. Jenkins to the chair and left the room for a cabinet meeting.

The secretary presented a communication from the Laymens' Association of the New York Conference. A committee consisting of G. W. Rosenberry, Paul Gardner and C. E. Hager to consider this communication and report to this Conference on the advisability of action.

S. F. Kerfoot presented a memorial to the General Conference concerning the admission of laymen to the Annual Conference which was referred to the same committee.

Address—Dr. Dennis Clancy addressed the Conference in the interest of the Mission work in Korea.

Reports—Reports from the following committees were presented and adopted: On American Bible Society, on Hospitals, on Foreign Missions, on Womans' Foreign Missionary Society, on Epworth League, on Sabbath Observance, on Resolutions, on Auditing Treasurer's Accounts, on Church Literature and Book Accounts on Home Missions and Church Extensions, and on Temperance. (see reports).

O. W. Butterfield presented a resolution on the Three Million Voters League which was adopted. (see resolution).

Appreciation—A resolution expressing the fraternal regards of

this Conference for J. W. Taylor and J. M. Brown who have transferred out of this Conference was presented and adopted.

Neils Fanebust presented a resolution concerning the Family Altar League which was adopted. (See reports.)

The report of the Board of Deconesses was presented and adopted. (see report).

The committee to which was referred certain matters of General Conference business was presented. A committee of three consisting of G. W. Rosenberry, S. F. Kerfoot, and J. P. Jenkins was appointed to consider the other matters referred to in the communication from the Laymen's Association of the New York Conference and report at the next session of Conference.

Memorial—The vote on the memorial to the General Conference to change the day of the beginning of the sessions of that body was taken resulting in 48 yeas and 10 nays.

Evangelists—The Conference by three-fourths vote requested the appointment of W. J. Calfee, J. E. Norvell, P. H. McBeth and Nels Fanebust as Conference Evangelists.

Collection—A collection for Conference expenses amounting to \$24.50 was taken.

J. S. Hoagland was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon at the next session of Conference with I. M. Hargett, alternate.

Journal—The printed minutes were made the Official Journal of the Conference.

Conference Boards—The members of the following Boards were elected: Board of Church Location, Conference Sunday School, Sunday School Board, Conference Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. (See list.)

Thanks—A vote of thanks was tendered G. T. Notson, former secretary of this Conference, for securing and presenting to the Conference a complete set of the Dakota Conference minutes to date.

Adjournment—On motion of A. C. Shepherd the Conference voted to adjourn, sine die, after the reading of the appointment. Bishop McIntyre offered prayer and read the appointments, the doxology was sung and the Twenty-seventh Session of the Dakota Conference stood adjourned.

—G. D. Brown,
Secretary

—Robert McIntyre
Presiding Bishop

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirements of the Discipline?

Yes.

2. Who Have Been Received by Transfer, and from What Conference?

O. W. Taylor, Minnesota Conference; J. F. Gibson from Des Moines Conference; R. A. Bruce from Iowa Conference; Chas. B. Thomas from Southern Illinois Conference; R. G. Miukler, from Northwest Iowa Conference; E. E. Hunt from Illinois Conference; Edward E. Holmes from Northwest Indiana Conference; Ira W. Ellis from Southern Illinois Conference; John W. Potter from Iowa Conference; J. D. Evans from Holston Conference; J. T. B. Smth, Northern Minnesota Conference.

3. Who Have Been Readmitted?

S. F. Spitz (Located Dakota Conference 1908).

4. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?

Ralph J. Aitcheson from Independent Methodist Church of England.

5. Who Have Been Received on Trial?

(a) In Studies of First Year.

August Ronshousen, Ralph Howell, Arthur H. Bearsley, Geo. H. Book, Peter V. Brethorst, Harry C. Burrows, Wesley J. Dudgeon, Anthony L. Wilson, Frank Tanner, Ernest Redmayne, Nels A. Christenson.

(b) In Studies of First Year.

None.

6. Who Have Been Continued on Trial?

(a) In Studies of First Year.

Charles D. Bullock, Walter J. McClarinon, Edy T. Underwood, Thomas W. Bradley.

(b) In Studies of Second Year.

John S. Ellis, Orrin P. Jackson, Harry E. Rice, William N. Deller, John W. Hartley, Carl W. Skinner.

(c) In Studies of Third Year.

Thomas Davies.

(d) In Studies of Fourth Year.

None.

7. Who Have Been Discontinued?

Fred James, V. Kenneth Brown.

8. Who Have Been Admitted into Full Membership?

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.

Maurice T. Habgood, Ernest E. Vernon, James L. Walsh, Leroy W. Darling, Arthur J. Hoyer, Fernando C. Page.

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.

Curtis B. Harold, Edward E. Holmes, Nels Fanebust, Lorne A. McDonald.

9. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.

Maurice T. Habgood, Ernest E. Vernon, James L. Walsh, Leroy W. Darling, Arthur J. Hoyer, Fernando C. Page, Lorne A. McDonald.

(b) Admitted into Full Membership, previously.

Fred H. Ray, Perley H. Weston, Wm. O. Gram, Charles E. Logsdon, Henry I. Farr, Harry C. Riley, Calvin H. Bryan, J. Clarence Greene, G. T. Mathews.

10. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?

John N. Oakley, James H. Brown, Fred Rawlinson, Joseph Snowden, Daniel W. Moore.

11. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.

John Clayton, Edward R. Little, Albert E. Hocking, John Wood, Charles H. Graf, William E. Hartung, Ralph E. Shearer, Chancey C. Boslaugh, Ira W. Ellis.

(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.

Edward E. Holmes.

12. What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

(a) As Local Preachers.

John W. A. Collins.

(b) Under Missionary Rule.

None.

(c) Under Seminary Rule.

W. J. Dudgeon.

13. What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

(a) As Local Deacons.

None.

(b) Under Missionary Rule.

None.

(c) Under Seminary Rule.

Nels Fanebust, Curtis B. Harrold.

14. Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?

This was strictly done in open Conference.

15. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?

J. W. Taylor to Minnesota Conference, J. E. Lombard to Des Moines Conference, J. B. Dibble to North Nebraska Conference, Chester B. Thomas to North Indiana Conference, L. R. Keckler to North Nebraska Conference, J. M. Brown to Iowa Conference, J. G. Richardson to Columbia River Conference, Harry Lee to Oregon Conference, Thos. Sanderson to Northern Minnesota Conference, L. W. Scott to North Dakota Conference, Joseph Snowden to Upper Iowa Conference, Joel A. Smith to West Nebraska Conference, E. S. Chappell to Puget Sound Conference.

16. Who Have Died?

W. F. Minty, Oliver Williams, Frank Fox.

17. Who have been Located at their own Request?

None.

18. Who Have Been Located?

F. P. Cook.

19. Who have Withdrawn?

W. L. Meinzer.

20. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?

A. C. Smith.

21. Who have been Expelled?

None.

22. What other personal Notation should be made?

None.

23. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

Thos. Simmons, H. I. Farr, E. E. Dean, A. M. Ward, J. R. Payne, W. I. Graham, I. B. Sevy, D. W. Moore, A. L. Cathers, J. D. Evans, A. B. Whitner

24. Who are the Supernnuated Preachers?

Lewis Hartsough, F. J. Norton, J. G. Hall, D. W. Chamberlain, T. H. Youngman, H. M. Springer, Thos. Wilkinson, A. Jamieson, O. A. Phillips, A. E. Tanner, W. O. Gram, G. J. Corwin, C. E. Logsdon, Duane Rifenbark.

25. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

J. S. Hoagland, G. W. Rosenberry, J. W. Potter, J. P. Jenkins, A. S. Loveall.

26. What is the Statistical Report for this year?
(See Statistical Tables.)
27. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treas.
\$27,653.00.
28. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?
\$7,500.
29. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?
\$4,880.
30. What is the Amount of the Five Per Cent of Collections for the Conference Claimants' Connectional Fund paid by the Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants?
\$109.
31. Where are the Preachers Stationed?
(See list of appointments.)
32. Where shall the Next Conference be held?
Yankton, S. D.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This certifies that at Aberdeen, S. D., on Sunday, October 15, 1911, upon election by the Dakota Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I ordained as Deacons Maurice T. Habgood, Ernest E. Vernon, James L. Walsh, Leroy W. Darling, Arthur J. Hoyer, Fernando C. Page, Lorne A. McDonald, John W. A. Collins, and W. J. Dugeon, and at the same time and place assisted by Elders I ordained as Elders John Clayton, Edward R. Little, Albert E. Hocking, John Wood, Charles H. Graf, William E. Hartung, Ralph E. Shearer, Chauncey C. Boslaugh, Ira W. Ellis, Nels Fanebust and Curtis B. Harrold.

ROBERT McINTYRE

Aberdeen, S. D.

Presiding Bishop.

October 15, 1911

APPOINTMENTS

ABERDEEN DISTRICT

Jas. Harkness, District Superintendent, 209 S. Jackson St.,
Aberdeen, S. D.

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| 1 Aberdeen, O. W. Taylor. | 3 Groton, S. E. Brown. |
| 2 Andover, F. E. Morrison. | 2 Hecla, J. H. Brown. |
| 2 Ashton, E. E. Vernon | 2 Langford, M. T. Habgood. |
| 3 Big Stone City, O. M. Hyde. | 3 Lecla, E. Radmayne. |
| 1 Bath and Putney, Harry C. Burrows. | 3 Mellette, J. S. Ellis. |
| 2 Bowdle, J. E. McKinney. | 3 Milbank, Ernest Holgate |
| 3 Bradley, F. C. Page | 3 Northville, J. M. Hunter. |
| 1 Britton, Albert Hartt. | 1 Roscoe, A. Ronshausen. |
| 1 Bristol, F. E. Morrison. | 2 Redfield, D. L. Roush. |
| 1 Claremont, Thos. Davies. | 1 Selby, J. A. Willey. |
| 2 Conde, W. D. Deeble. | 4 Sisseton, R. C. Shearer. |
| 2 Cresbard, H. G. Ozanne. | 1 Summit, Chas. E. McDonald (supply). |
| 3 Corona, John Wood. | 1 Westport, E. F. Harold (supply). |
| 10 DeVoe, F. L. Bromaghin. | 3 White Rock, J. F. Franklin. |
| 3 Florence, D. G. Radcliff (supply) | 2 Webster, M. R. Crisp. |
| 1 Frederick, G. W. Erb (supply). | 1 Waubay, L. F. Brown. |
| | 1 Waubay, L. F. Brown, (Supply). |

HURON DISTRICT

G. T. Notson, District Superintendent, Huron, S. D.

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| Agar, To be supplied. | 2 Lane and Viola, E. O. Machener. |
| 2 Alpena, M. E. Nickerson. | 2 Lebanon, J. W. A. Collins. |
| 1 Blunt and Harrold, J. T. B. Smith. | 1 Miller, J. H. Kearton. |
| 2 Burdette, J. W. Hartley. | 1 Pearl Creek and Richland, B. F. Stiles (supply). |
| 1 Broadland, H. K. Cornish. | 3 Pierre, A. D. Thibodeau. |
| 1 Carpenter, N. P. Johnson. | 1 Rockham and Miranda, J. D. Stevens. |
| Cavcur, To be supplied. | 2 Seneca, C. D. Bullock. |
| 1 Esmond, W. H. Evans. | 1 St. Lawrence, J. L. Walsh. |
| 1 Faulkton, C. E. Wilcox. | 1 Tulare, I. W. Ellis. |
| 2 Gettysburg, R. A. Bruce. | 2 Wessington Springs, I. M. Hargett. |
| Gorman, To be supplied. | 2 Wessington, P. I. King. |
| 1 Highmore, L. A. McDonald. | 1 Wolsey, G. T. Mathews. |
| 1 Hitchcock, S. F. Spitz. | 1 Woonsocket, J. F. Gibson. |
| 3 Huron, G. W. Rosenberry. | |
| 1 Iroquois, John Clayton. | |

MITCHELL DISTRICT

W. S. Shepherd, District Superintendent, 319-4th Ave. W., Mitchell, S. D.

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| 1 Alexandria, P. O. Bunt. | 3 Kimball, F. B. Dunn. |
| 1 Armour, C. B. Thomas. | 3 Letcher, R. B. Tibbetts. |
| 2 Bard, Hugh Duglay (supply). | 4 Mitchell, J. S. Hoagland. |
| Baton Hill's, To be supplied. | 2 Mt. Vernon, W. N. Potter (supply). |
| 2 Bridgewater, J. R. Krins (supply). | 3 Murdo, C. B. Harrold. |
| 3 Chamberlain, E. V. Fisher. | 1 Plankinton, W. E. Gale. |
| Colome, To be supplied. | 1 Platte, T. H. Trevithic. |
| 1 Dallas, E. E. Holmes. | 1 Presho, Marion Sunderlin (supply). |
| 1 Danton Circuit, C. M. Stebbins. | 2 Pukwana, R. N. Kratz. |
| 1 Dudley, R. S. Koffroth, (supply). | 1 Scotland, A. S. Loveall. |
| 1 Ethan, T. W. Bradley. | 2 Springfield, R. B. Hughes. |
| 1 Fairfax and Herrick, T. J. Black, | 2 Tripp, W. O. Redfield. |
| (supply). | 2 Tripp Co. Mission, L. M. Campbell. |
| 2 Farmer, W. J. McClarinon. | (supply). |
| 3 Fulton, G. D. Egner. | 1 Tyndall, I. P. Potter. |
| 1 Geddes, W. A. Greene. | 2 Vivian Circuit, J. T. Gurney. |
| 4 Gregory, W. T. Ferguson. | 1 Vivian and Draper, R. M. Howell. |
| Iona and Hamil, To be supplied. | 2 Wagner, E. T. Underwood. |
| 1 Kennebec, R. J. Aitcheson. | 2 White Lake, A. J. Hoyer. |
| | 1 Winner, U. S. Crowder. |

SIoux FALLS DISTRICT

A. C. Shepherd, District Superintendent, 610 Spring Ave. S., Sioux Falls, S. D.

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| 1 Alcester, W. J. Sherman (supply). | 2 Hartford, Wm. N. Deller. |
| 1 Beresford, G. D. Brown. | 1 Hudson, Arthur Pitman, (supply). |
| 4 Canistota, J. R. Krins (supply). | 2 Hurley, Wm. Rowden, (supply). |
| 1 Canten, E. E. Hunt. | 2 Lennox, Herbert Pollard, (supply). |
| 3 Centerville, O. P. Jackson. | 4 Montrose, Myron Redfield. (supply). |
| 1 Colton, A. H. Beardsley. | 2 Parker, H. P. Eberhart. |
| 2 Davis, G. H. Rock. | 1 Salem, Paul Gardener. |
| 1 Dell Rapids, A. P. Janes. | Sioux Falls— |
| 2 Egan, N. A. Christianson. | 1 First Church, J. W. Potter. |
| 2 Elk Point, H. E. Rice. | 5 Jordan Church, S. H. Shurtleff. |
| 4 Flandreau, A. W. Thurston. | 1 Valley Springs, Geo. N. Gage, (supply). |
| 17 Flandreau Ct., D. C. Arms (supply) | |
| 2 Garretson, P. V. Brethorst. | 1 Vermillion, T. B. Wilber. |
| 1 Gayville, C. H. Graf. | 3 Wakonda, E. E. Saxton. |
| 1 Harrisburg, C. O. Biggar (supply). | 2 Yankton, J. M. Tibbetts. |

WATERTOWN DISTRICT

O. E. Boyce, District Superintendent, Watertown, S. D.

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| 2 Arlington, R. E. Tarleton. | 4 Gary, L. W. Darling. |
| 1 Artesian, H. C. Riley. | 1 Hazel and Thomas, B. W. Mc- |
| 3 Brookings, W. A. Black. | Eldowney. |

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| 1 Bruce, Frank Tanner. | 1 Henry and Kampeska, Fred H. Ray |
| 1 Chester, H. L. Shoemaker, (Supply) | 1 Howard, R. G. Minkler. |
| 2 Clark, A. C. MacLean. | Junius, To be supplied. |
| Castlewood, To be supplied. | 1 Lake Preston, E. R. Little. |
| 1 Colman, C. B. Denaison, (supply). | 1 Madison, A. E. Buriff. |
| 1 Clear Lake, W. J. Dudgeon. | 3 Oldham, J. N. Oakley. |
| 2 DeSmet, Fred Rawlinson. | 1 Roswell, A. L. Wilson. |
| 3 Elkton, C. W. Skinner. | 2 Watertown, J. N. Greene. |
| 1 Frankfort, C. C. Boslaugh. | 3 White, W. E. Hartung. |

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Thomas Nicholson, Secy. Board of Education; Sam'l Kerfoot, President Dakota Wesleyan; John L. Seaton, Sam'l Weir, Professors at Dakota Wesleyan; C. V. Gilliland, President Carleton Institute, Mo.; C. B. Clark, Chaplain Nat. Soldier's Sanitarium, Hot Springs; S. D.; L. L. Lane, Conf. Sunday School Missionary, Member Mitchell Quarterly Conference; W. J. Calfee, Conf. Evangelist, Member Sioux Falls Quar. Conf.; J. E. Norvell, Conf. Evangelist, Member Mitchell Quar. Conf.; Nels Fanebust, Conf. Evangelist, Member Mitchell Quar. Conf.; Paul MacBeth, Conf. Evangelist, Member Mitchell Quar. Conf.; John Hall, J. W. Lucas, Calvin H. Bryan, C. L. Fillebrown, W. J. Douglas, P. H. Weston, Fred E. White, Missionaries to the Black Hills; Martin Thomas, Missionary to Utah; O W. Butterfield, Conf. Temperance Agent; A. E. Carhart, Conf. Temperance Agent; C. E. Hager, Conf. Temperance Agent; J. P. Jenkins, Field Secretary for Dakota Wesleyan University; J. O. Dobson, Endowment Commissioner for Cornell College; James Crowther, Western Field Sec'y of Missionary Education Movement, Member Mitchell Quar. Conf.; A. E. Hocking, Member Fulton Quar. Conference; Charles D. Lockridge, Member White Rock Quar. Con.; N. F. Sanderson, Member Andover Quar. Cof.; J. Clarence Greene, Member Presho Quar. Conf.; W. A. Wilkinson, Member Platte Quar. Conference. Left without appointment to attend school.

Reports of District Superintendents

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

James S. Harkness, District Superintendent

It is fitting that this report should open with an expression of devout gratitude to God, who has blessed us with good health, so that pastors and superintendent have been able to prosecute their work through the year and that our ranks have not been broken into by death and our children have been spared to us. And above all, "blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus."

I prize beyond words to express, the hearty co-operation of the pastors and the delightful fellowship we have enjoyed together. The work of the year has been made a continual joy by the hearty co-operation, unfailing support and the universal kindness of my brothers in the ministry and laity.

Thank God for our brave, consecrated, faithful, spirit-filled officials, who know nothing of retreat or defeat. It is a joy to report that not a stain has sullied the moral character or ministerial faithfulness of our pastors or their families.

Revivals—The spiritual life of the church and of the people has been kept clearly to the front. The great efforts of our ministry and churches have been centered upon our supreme business, the conversion of men and their spiritual culture. Most of the churches have had the joy of leading some lost ones to Jesus.

Revivals were had at many points. The most notable of these was at Milbank where some three hundred found the Lord, Mellette, under the leadership of the pastor, had a gracious awakening. Big Stone, Andover, Selby, Claremont, Langford, Britton, Hecla, Devoe, Northville and Aberdeen held special meetings with some fruitage in each case. Westport has had a constant revival and sinners have been saved and believers sanctified in the prayer-meetings and regular services of the church.

Epworth League—The Epworth League is showing evidences of life. A splendid district convention was held at Andover which was well attended and a pronounced success. Dr. J. S. Hoagland

conducted an Institute and gave a number of very inspiring and helpful lectures. A strong district organization has been effected and work has been outlined by the Cabinet for the new year. There are a few Junior League chapters doing good work. Those worthy of special mention are at Milbank, Sisseton, Langford, Andover and Bath.

Sunday Schools—The increased interest that is being taken in Sunday School work and the religious instruction of children, and organized Bible classes, is a source of great satisfaction. Some of the schools have doubled their membership this year. Some new schools have been organized. We are beginning to realize that the Sunday School is the greatest field of the churches' responsibility and duty.

Salaries—The salaries have been increased some during the year and more has been paid for ministerial support than any previous year, but they are pitifully inadequate to the needs of the families and the demands of the age. Notwithstanding the unprecedented prosperity of recent years, the Christian ministry has little, if any, share in this prosperity. They are compelled to live more economically, and pinch harder, and deny themselves and their families more than at any time during recent years. These facts must be presented to the church, until the church shall understand and remedy them. Pathetic tales of self-denial, verging on suffering, could be told at this session of the annual conference, if the somber truth could be reached, beneath the smiles of those who are brave enough to hide their needs from men, and to make them known only to the God whom they serve with such fidelity. The spiritual victories of our ministry are far beyond all that can be measured by money, or houses, or lands. Not only, our church but churches of all creeds, have gathered a rich harvest of souls from the seed planted by the Methodist preacher. Our Bishops have well said: "It is of the highest wisdom to offer such support as secures freedom from anxiety, as well as modest provision for intelligence, culture and education of children." Common honesty demands fair recompense for the men who serve the church so faithfully. Much credit however is due the faithful stewards of the church. With a church membership numbering 2,587, \$26,439 has been paid for ministerial support or more than \$10.00 per member.

Benevolences—With such a record for ministerial support you will not be surprised when I report that there is a loss in the benevolent collections. Considering the conditions that have existed over the District you will be pleased to know that the pastors have done so well. Some of our Sunday Schools have made a good showing. Bradley Sunday School gave \$125.00 for missions, the Superintendent, J. M. Johnston giving dollar for dollar with the school. The Andover Sunday School with Wm. Carpenter as Super-

intendent gave \$100.00 in the regular monthly offerings. Other schools made a good record.

Membership—471 have been received into church membership. There seems to have been a general fixing up of records, and we have to report 181 removed by letter, 113 without letter, 19 deceased and 10 excluded, leaving us a net gain of 148.

Every charge has contributed to this increase. The following added 20 or more. Milbank 85, Aberdeen 83, Big Stone 35, Mellette 33, Andover 28, Frederick 24, Groton 23. Our field has over 12,000 square miles and we have 66 preaching places.

Church Property—A splendid new church costing \$12,500.00 was dedicated at Selby and stands as a monument of the faithful and efficient ministry and life of the pastor, Albert Hartt. At Teare, on the White Rock charge, the finest country church on the district was dedicated in June. J. F. Franklin is pastor. After years of planning, a new church is about completed at Groton. It is to cost 13,000.00 and is superior to any \$15,000.00 church in the Conference. It is built of pressed brick and the basement of Ortonville granite. S. E. Brown is pastor. The church will be dedicated in November. Cresbard has built and paid for a comfortable parsonage and would be glad to have the pastor, H. G. Ozanne, and his family occupy it for many years.

Milbank has made extensive improvements on church and parsonage. The interior and exterior of the church has been decorated. Electric lights have been put into the church and parsonage. The parsonage has been made modern, furnace and bath have been installed. The year has been the best in the history of the church and closes with the salary all paid and \$100.00 in the treasury. Ernest Holgate is pastor. Andover, Britton and Hecla have put electric lights into the church and made other improvements. Bowdle, Ashton, Frederick improved their parsonages. Frederick has a new pulpit and organ. Langford planned to enlarge their church, but deferred until next year. They re-shingled and will paint the parsonage. Claremont painted the parsonage and put in a cistern. Webster re-shingled the church, decorated the interior and put in cement side walk. Sisseton also put in a new walk. White Rock made substantial improvements on church and parsonage. Florence put a furnace in the church. Other churches made some minor improvements. The Warner church has been traded to the Presbyterians for their church at Hufton. The Wilmot church property has been sold and the Church Extension debt paid and the balance is being used for Church Extension purposes. The Columbia church will also be sold in the near future and the proceeds of the sale paid to the Church Extension Society.

Personal Mention—All the pastors of the District, with a possible exception, are urgently requested to return to their charges for

another year. They are good men and much loved by their people. D. W. Moore and Harry Lee have gone to Oregon. They have had a good year and their charges regret their leaving them. Joseph Snowden went to Iowa. Dr. J. W. Taylor leaves us after a strong and helpful pastorate of eight years. His going is universally regretted by the membership of the church and the citizens of Aberdeen. When he came to Aberdeen eight years ago the church membership was 230 and is now 610; 681 have been received into the church during his pastorate.

The Church property was valued at \$10,000.00, now \$85,000.00. When he first came to Aberdeen he preached to an audience of 150; now an audience of 1,000 is not unusual, with an average perhaps of 600. The average pastoral visits have been about 1,100 a year. The Ladies' Aid Society made and paid into the new church building fund \$12,000.00 in less than three years. Is it any wonder that the people of Aberdeen mourn his leaving. Our comfort is that we have found another Taylor. The best wishes and prayers of the people of Aberdeen go with him to his new field of labor.

The record of the year is closed. Its triumphs and defeats are over. The results have now crystalized into history. This report is a very meagre account of the labors of these men of God, who have given themselves without measure to this work. Much has been done, much more, has been left undone.

The past is full of comfort, with failures enough to make us humble and dependable upon the Infinite wisdom, love, and power. The future is full of hope and confidence, not altogether because the signs are full of promise, but because of an assurance that our labor shall not be in vain in the Lord. The swing of conquest is in the air. The spirit of evangelism is abroad in the Church. May it dominate all our hearts. We ceaselessly pray for a clearer vision, for a braver heart, for a finer wisdom and a greater patience, for an all-impelling love, for a hope that gives us confidence. May the great Head of the Church make us able ministers of the New Testament.

Huron District.

G. T. Notson, District Superintendent

Upon my assignment to the Huron District, one year ago, I found four appointments left to be supplied. By December 25th, every charge was provided with a pastor. The Rev. Robert A. Bruce was transferred from the Iowa Conference and appointed to Gettysburg; Rev. W. H. Evans, of the Black Hills Mission, was secured for Cavour; Rev. D. J. Miller, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was given Broadland and the Rev. J. W. A. Collins

was appointed to Lebanon. In February L. R. Kreckler was relieved as pastor at Lane, at his own request, and E. O. Machemer, one of our own men laboring in the Black Hills Mission, was secured for this charge. In May an exchange was effected, whereby J. E. Lombard transferred to the Des Moines Conference, and J. F. Gibson came to us from that Conference and was stationed at Miller. The Pulpit at Broadland becoming vacant August 1st, I transferred H. K. Cornish from Esmond to that charge; B. F. Stiles, a former member of our Conference, has supplied Esmond since that date. All of the above changes have been conducive to the best interests of the charges named. At the close of this session Thomas Sanderson, who has been associated with our work in Dakota Conference for twenty-two years, transfers his membership to Northern Minnesota Conference. By his unspotted life, his devotion to the work assigned him, his efficiency as a pastor and preacher, he has made for himself a place in our ministry worthy of the highest commendation. For health reasons he leaves us to our sincere regret, but takes with him the confidence and esteem of his brethern. Death has not entered any parsonage home, and the health of our preachers and their families has been uniformly good. The parsonage homes at Redfield, Seneca, Harrold, Wessington, and Lane have each welcomed a daughter to the family circle. A son has been born in the parsonage at Gettysburg. The District Superintendent has, also, become a grandfather. Brother Frank Fox, a supernumerary member of our Conference, died at the Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa, on June 14th. The funeral occurred at Redfield, his late home, conducted by his pastor, Dr. D. I. Roush, assisted by neighboring pastors. He leaves a widow, sorely bereft by his going, following so soon the death of their only son, which occurred last year.

Upon my first visitation to the charges I found more than \$40,000 of unprovided indebtedness upon the District. At least \$34,000 of this amount has been provided for, or paid. The payment of the debt upon the church at Lane is a notable victory; likewise the provision for the indebtedness on the church and parsonage at Harrold. Three church dedications have occurred during the year. The successful dedication of the magnificent new church at Pierre, costing \$76,000, on January 22, 1911, when \$28,766 was contributed toward the liquidation of the indebtedness, which includes the princely gifts secured by the pastor and Gov. R. S. Vessey from James J. Hill and Cyrus H. McCormick, is without a parallel in the history of Methodism in the Northwest. The sublime faith, indomitable purpose and far-seeing statesmanship of the pastor, Asa Davis Thibodeau, loyally supported by his Official Board and the co-operation of his people, will be vindicated by the future growth and development of our work at the Capital City. Early in the year we secured by purchase the new, but in-

complete, Congregational church at the Carleton appointment on the Burdette charge, which was completed at the cost of several hundred dollars, and dedicated on Easter Sunday, April 16th, by the District Superintendent. On May 7th, under the leadership of the Rev. J. P. Jenkins, D. D., the beautiful church at Harrold was dedicated. Over \$2,200.00 was raised, providing for all indebtedness. At Gettysburg, where our people have worshipped in rented quarters for eighteen years since the destruction by wind storm of the church property, a beautiful new brick church costing not less than \$9,000 is in process of erection, and will be dedicated within the next sixty days. Minor improvements have been made upon our church and parsonage properties at Alpena, Virgil, Wolsey, Iroquois, Broadland, Pearl Creek and Burdette.

Ernest attempts have been made on many of the charges to promote revivals of religion, with varying degrees of success. The union revival meetings at Huron, in which our church took the leading part, resulted in one hundred and twenty-five accessions to our membership. Alpena, Broadland, Burdette, Blunt, Esmond, Faulkton, Highmore, Iroquois, Rockham, Seneca, Tulare, Viola and Wessington all report good results and accessions from special services held on these charges. Faithful and persistent endeavor has been made by some of our pastors to win souls to Christ by personal evangelism. I am persuaded the great need of our preachers is to make the Evangelistic note dominant in their ministry.

The month of March was devoted to the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The Laymen's Convention at Redfield, March 21st, under the supervision of the Rev. J. B. Trimble, D. D., assisted by his able corps of workers, was a distinct success. The follow-up meetings on nineteen of our charges were largely attended by our people, and made a profound impression for good. The systematic, every-member canvass was not successfully carried out, except in a very few instances. However, if the harvest had been normal throughout our territory we are confident a large and permanent increase would have been made in the offerings for the benevolent causes. We are pained to report that notwithstanding the sacrifice and faithful efforts of most of our pastors, a large decrease in the benevolent collections may be expected. Wessington Springs still retains her proud position at the head of world-wide Methodism, and will report a larger collection than one year ago for Foreign Missions, aside from the special gifts then reported.

The organization of a District Camp-Meeting Association has been effected, and the beautiful park at St. Lawrence has been purchased for permanent Camp-Meeting grounds. Through the co-operation of our people at Miller and St. Lawrence, and the personal efforts of the District Superintendent, the first payment of \$550.00 has been provided for. The first annual camp-meeting was held July 13 to 23, with the Rev. W. J. Calfee, of our Confer-

ence, as the Evangelist. The meeting was a marked success, and proved a great blessing to both ministry and laity in attendance. A strong program is planned for the year to come.

Through a special gift from our friends of the Mitchell church, we have been able to organize work at Agar, the thriving new town on the Chicago and Northwestern Railway extension from Gettysburg to Blunt. Lots have been secured and a new church will be erected as soon as financial conditions justify the undertaking.

The year, owing to the disastrous failure of the small grain crops, and the financial re-action which has followed, has been a most trying one upon both pastors and people. The difficulties of administration have been likewise increased many fold. The heroism of the preachers, and their noble wives, who have remained faithfully upon their charges, notwithstanding the hardships following the financial stringency, and the sacrifice and devotion of our people who have rallied to the support of the work under the most trying circumstances, is deserving of all praise.

In this connection I would be remiss of my duty, as well as privilege, if I did not note the unfaltering support rendered the work on these charges by the women of our churches through the Ladies Aid Societies, and the magnificent showing which the auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will make, notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions.

We are glad to note the organization of several auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Missionary Society this year, through the efforts of Miss Nellie Snider, National Organizer of that Society.

Special emphasis is being laid upon the work of our Sunday Schols. We confidently expect to witness a large increase in the membership and efficiency of the Sunday Schools. The organized class and graded lesson helps have both found high favor among us.

The Epworth League in some places is a constant inspiration and blessing, in others, for want of efficient leadership and spiritual life, is of questionable utility in our churches. The Junior organization is doing good work in a few places.

The crying need of Methodism is consecrated workers to lead and direct the youth of our church in the Way of Life. Our problem is not the lost, but the loss we suffer from year to year for want of faithful nurturing of the young through the organized agencies, designed to hold them to the Church and bring them into lively fellowship with the same.

The year has been one of constant toil. Thousands of miles have been traveled by the various modes of conveyance. It has been my privilege to hold four quarterly meeting services and conduct all the quarterly Conferences upon each charge. In doing the work I have employed no substitutes. At frequent intervals extra visits have been made to almost every charge, and an earnest endeavor

made to render effective service to both pastors and churches. The fellowship has been sweet with my brethren and with the people, to whom I am everlastingly debtor for many kindnesses shown to me during the year.

With a courageous faith born of the Spirit of God, our people, with the exception of those of one charge only, have set generous estimates of the salaries to be paid for the ensuing year, and no charge has made a request to be left without a pastor.

MITCHELL DISTRICT

W. S. Shepherd, District Superintendent

Bishop McIntyre and Brethern:

For a period of one year I have enjoyed the privileges of Christian fellowship and service with the preachers and laymen of the Mitchell District. Today I count it no small honor that I am to present to you this report of the results they have achieved. The achievements of the Mitchell District the past year have not been particularly brilliant or spectacular, but reports will show that some real substantial progress has been made. Let me turn a moment in reverent memory to our sainted dead. Two of our honored superannuates have during the year passed to their reward, the Rev. Oliver Williams and the Rev. W. F. Minty, Sister Corwin, wife of Rev. J. G. Corwin, died the day after the last conference adjourned. Serious sickness invaded several of the parsonage homes during the year. Brother and Sister McBeth and six children were all sick with typhoid fever at the same time. Sister Louise L. Lane and our District Deaconess, Winnie Crouch were compelled to enter the hospital for operations. The District Superintendent was confined to his home two weeks with the grippe. Six parsonage homes were blessed by the advent of sweet little cherubs as follows. Brother and Sister Bradley, Brother and Sister Black, Brother and Sister Fergusson, Brother and Sister Underwood, Brother and Sister Hoyer and Brother and Sister Gurney.

At the close of last conference two places remained to be supplied, Dudley and Fairfax. Rev. R. S. Koffroth was appointed to supply the former and Rev. U. S. Crowder the latter. There were changes during the year at Dallas, Prescho, Kennebec, Bijou Hills, Draper, Tyndall, and after the death of Brother Minty, at Ethan. These numerous changes could not but work ill to the interests of the Kingdom, but we hope for more settled conditions the coming year.

Brethern, Mitchell District is one of the great empires of Methodism; great in the vast extent of its territory of 21,000 square miles, great in its present opportunities and great in its future pos-

sibilities. There are forty charges with 81 preaching places, served by 23 conference members and 1½ supplies. Twenty-four of these men are ordained elders and 15 are undergraduates or local preachers. The membership of these forty charges aggregates a total of 3,998 full members and probationers. I only wish I had time to tell you of the marvelous development of our work in Tripp county, a county larger than the state of Rhode Island, two years ago an Indian Reservation, where we now have 16 Sunday Schools, 12 organized societies and 13 preaching places with a membership of 246. This summer a new church was dedicated near Dog Ear Lake, a new \$3,000 church at Colome October 1st, and next year a new church will be built at Winner. Then there is that vast territory in Mellette and Bennet counties of 350,000 acres now thrown open to settlement, fraught with possibilities, left to the Mitchell District for development in the next few years. We must have money for this work. Within ten years there will be a score of self-supporting churches out there paying salaries of \$1,000 or more if the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension is liberal with its donations of help.

Fifteen charges on the district increased pastors' salaries from \$50 to \$250 each, aggregating a total of \$2,229. A few small deficiencies will be reported, especially from charges west of the Missouri River. During the year five new churches were dedicated as follows: at Reservation, on the Tripp charge; at Stony Butte, on the Vivian circuit; at Ravinia, on the Wagner charge; at Herrick, and at Colome. New parsonages have been completed or built at Tripp, Gregory, Vivian and Fulton. Mt. Vernon is now remodeling its church at a cost of \$2,500, most of which has been secured in pledges. There are on the district 72 Methodist Sunday Schools and about 10 union schools. At work in these schools are 628 officers and teachers and 5,682 persons studying the Word of God. There are 12 Junior Leagues with 246 members. There are 22 senior leagues with a membership of 620. There are 82 members of the Epworth League enrolled in Bible study classes and 46 in mission classes. There are 35 Ladies Aid Societies with a membership of 1,410 and their earnings aggregate the splendid sum of \$10,080. Mitchell has a Ladies' Aid of over 300 members with an income this year of over \$2,000, and they have now invested in the church property at Mitchell over \$10,000. There are 13 auxiliaries of the W. F. M. S. with a membership of 290, who have gathered in \$1,274 to send to foreign lands. A few W. H. M. Societies have been organized and we welcome the representatives of this organization to our pulpits.

We have made frequent and urgent appeals to our pastors to look carefully after the benevolences and personally solicit the last man and secure the last dollar. A number of charges will report ap-

portionments all met, but several will report a shortage and several will report nothing, owing to droughth and crop failure. We report for foreign missions \$2,053, for home missions, \$1,079, for Dakota Wesleyan \$1,719, and a total in all benevolences of \$10,271. The fourth quarterly conference records show that there are 162 subscribers to the Advocate and 187 to the Epworth Herald.

We have tried to emphasize evangelistic effort and achievement on the district this year. All the results cannot be tabulated. Statistics do not tell all the story. The pasors report a total of 506 conversions, the largest numbers reported being, Mitchell 150, White Lake 51, Letcher 45, Gregory and Dallas 25 each, Chamberlain 20, Farmer 17, Winner 15, Artesian 12, Springfield and Colome 10 each. There have been 803 accessions, the churches reporting the largest numbers being Mitchell 250, Winner 115, Danton Circuit 62, Colome 35, Letcher 33, Vivian 25, Presho 23, White Lake 21, Mt. Vernon 20.

Dakota Wesleyan University deserves special mention in this report. The past year has been one of great activity and success for this institution. The attendance during the nine months was 548, with 165 in the summer school, making a total of 713 for the year. The work among the students has been most satisfactory from every standpoint, intellectual, moral and spiritual. Already there has been an outlay in improvements and new buildings this year of \$50,000, and when completed in January this figure will reach \$85,000. The amount added to the new building and endowment fund during the year is about \$108,000. Dr. J. P. Jenkins, the field agent, has secured in pledges about \$45,000, and so successful has been his work that he has been engaged for another year to push the canvass. The enrollment this year is somewhat smaller than last, owing to short crops in certain sections of the state. The splendid successes of the year are largely due to the untiring zeal, the undaunting faith and heroic leadership of President S. F. Kerfoot. The school now has a strong teaching force of 27 members and Methodist parents need not hesitate to send their young people to be under the instruction and the moral and spiritual influence of such a capable, consecrated, Christian college faculty. **Long Live Dakota Wesleyan University.**

This district superintendent desires here to state his many obligations to his predecessor, the Rev. Dr. J. O. Dobson, whose administration was of such a character and whose wise foresight in planning the work of the district has made the work of this superintendent comparatively easy. He is also under obligations to the pastors, their wives and families, for their kindness and consideration and for their hearty co-operation in the work of the year. They have borne patiently with me. When I chided them they listened. When I praised them they appreciated it. When I urged them to duty they nobly responded. I have met with generosity, hospitality, and

have enjoyed true Christian fellowship with my co-workers in the Gospel, both lay and clerical. The work of the year has been strenuous enough. I have traveled 14,359 miles, 1,573 of which have been in private conveyance. I have tried to be true to the trust given me. God has been good to me. He has taught me a new value in prayer. He has taught me the larger meaning of faith. He has led me into clearer skies and plainer paths. For his love and mercy and for the blessed privileges of this ministry I thank him.

SIoux FALLS DISTRICT

A. C. Shepherd, District Superintendent.

Dear Bishop and Brethern:

In the readjustment of districts made at our last Conference, Sioux Falls district lost four charges and gained two, leaving thirty upon the district. By that change we lost 482 members and gained 174, a net loss of 308. We lost \$2,933 in pastoral support and gained \$1,500, a net loss of \$1,433. We lost in value of church property \$32,000 and gained \$7,000, a net loss of \$25,000.

It should be remembered, therefore, that the report of this year as compared with that of last year in the Conference Minutes, will not show the actual progress made during the present year upon the chargees now comprising the Sioux Falls district.

We believe, however, that the facts will show progress. It is very difficult to make a full and accurate report at this time because many of our members do not discharge their financial obligations to the Church and Benevolences until about the day that the pastor leaves for Conference, or later. Hence the pastors cannot report in time for the superintendent to summarize the figures and report for the district, since the quality of omniscience is not one of his attributes, much as it ought to be.

As far as ascertainable the figures show an increase of membership of about 250; salaries paid mostly in full with increase of nearly \$2,000 for the district; disciplinary benevolent collections a slight increase, but other benevolent collections less than last year.

Revival meetings have been held on nearly all of the charges, the most successful being at Canton, Dell Rapids, Hartford and Parker, resulting at these four places in an ingathering of 217. At Dell Rapids the meeting was of Union character under Evangelist Bromley, and was a great blessing to our church. At some other points evangelistic help was employed, but in most instances the pastors led their own meetings assisted frequently by brother pastors. I commend this plan.

In July the regular Annual District Camp Meeting was held at Canton on our district grounds. Dr. Henry C. Morrison, of Kentucky, was leader and proved himself a veritable prince of preachers. His return for next year is earnestly desired. A district-wide campaign for funds to meet the indebtedness on the property is now being carried on, over one half the money has already been provided and we hope by next summer to see it all paid.

Great inspirational Missionary Conventions, under direction of Field Secretary J. B. Trimble, were held at Yankton and Sioux Falls in March and were well attended. Following these many of the charges were visited by members of the missionary team and these follow-up campaigns proved a great stimulus to missionary zeal and activity. Had the year been normal in crop conditions the reports would have shown greatly increased contributions to this most worthy cause. At First Church, Sioux Falls, the "Duplex System" is proving the splendid success that its ardent advocates claim for it.

On the 22nd of January our new church was dedicated at Wakonda. It is a beautiful structure, costing \$6,000. Following a week of revival services led by the superintendent, Dr. J. P. Jenkins took charge of the finances and proved himself a master at the art. The sum of \$3,300 was easily and quickly raised, the church dedicated free of debt amidst great jubulations and Wakonda Methodists now rejoice in the largest church edifice for the size of the town in Sioux Falls district. Pastor E. E. Saxton has a right to wear a happy smile.

July the 23d was a red-letter day at Hurley. With mighty faith and energy Pastor W. S. Rowden had led his people in a campaign which resulted in a full-sized basement, new pews, new furnace, new paper and paint, and as happy a congregation as one could wish to see. Brother H. I. Farr, of California, a former pastor, H. P. Eberhart, and the district superintendent, assisted in the reopening at which time over \$700 was easily raised to meet the last part of the expense. Well done, Rowden. May many others go and do likewise.

At Egan a splendid new \$6,000 church is nearing completion and will be ready for dedication in a few weeks. Brother N. A. Christenson has reason to feel gratified over the success he has won in this, his first pastorate. Brother G. H. Book, who is an excellent carpenter as well as preacher has built a neat six-room parsonage at Davis which is a gem. Much of the work was done by his own hands and he richly deserves the enjoyment its comfort affords. Aside from that already mentioned many charges have improved church and parsonage property, the total aggregate being several thousand dollars and still there is more to be done.

Miss Nellie Snider, of the Woman's Home Missionary Society has done good work representing that worthy and neglected Cause

within our district and has organized a number of local auxiliaries. Let the good work go on.

At last Conference three places were left to be supplied. C. B. Thomas was transferred from southern Illinois and stationed at Gayville. C. C. Biggar, of Michigan, and Geo. N. Gage, of New York, are supplies at Harrisburg and Valley Springs respectively; I. W. Ellis, of Southern Illinois was transferred in to take the work at Volin since the supply assigned to the place did not remain but a few weeks. We regret to report that on account of severe losses in removals Volin will be compelled to resume the old relation as a part of the Gayville circuit. L. W. Scott, at Alcester, early in the year transferred to North Dakota and the work there has been in the care of a supply, W. J. Sherman. He has proved a winner from the beginning. Just ten of the thirty men in our ranks have begun their ministry in our district. We believe that we hold the record in the furnishing of our own ministerial material and we are proud of the record that our own boys are making.

No serious sickness nor death has visited our district during the year except that of Sister Nicholls, the widow of one of our honored deceased pastors. After a painful, lingering sickness with cancer, this devout sister departed this life at her home in Parker in August. The pastor, H. P. Eberhart assisted by several brethren conducted funeral services and now her body sleeps beside that of her husband in the cemetery at Alcester. The two children, Edith and Harold have found a good home in that of Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Jenkins.

We note with a sense of real loss the removal, by transfer, of one of our leading pastors, J. M. Brown. After a successful and valuable pastorate of five years at First Church, Sioux Falls, he has been transferred to the Iowa Conference and appointed pastor of Trinity Church, Keokuk. He goes worthily bearing the confidence of a host of friends not only in his former pastorate but throughout the state.

Our pastors are true men. They have been faithful to duty. To work with them is an honor and a delight. I thank them and the loyal, big-hearted laymen in the district, whose unfailing courtesy and kindness to me will be a memory of joy forever.

But I must note with profoundest regret that as a district we have failed to make any great advance this year. We have held the fort, that is about all. Our increase has not been greater than the natural increase in population. I know that the fight is hard. Times like these require the mighty dynamics of a supernatural power to turn the tides of life towards godliness. That power must come in larger measure upon the ministry if larger results for the Kingdom are to be recorded in the future than we report today. May the Almighty God send it upon me.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT

O. E. Boyce, District Superintendent

Dear Bishop, and Brethren of the Conference:

The task placed upon me by Bishop Nuelson one year ago, was large and difficult. Not often has a man been asked to step into the shoes of five men all at once. Dr. Graham, the dignified, business like, ex-college president; Dobson, the close observer and thinker; Hager, the polite, the optimistic; Shepherd, the orator and much beloved; Harkness, the shrewd builder of the Aberdeen district. These were my forerunners.

We are sorry to report that our much loved pastor at Madison, Brother Rifenbark,—than whom no truer friend of man can be found,—was stricken with paralysis last December and has not been able to return to the active work. The people at Madison have been loyal and have shown their affection and high regard for their afflicted pastor. Brother Rifenbark has moved to Big Stone, where we hope the friendly associations and quiet restfulness will restore his health.

Brother Bunt's family has been besieged by sickness in varied forms, and Brother Tarleton's daughter, Diana, suffered from an attack of appendicitis, but an operation was performed and she is now in good health.

No parsonage has been made to mourn during the year, neither has the "sound of infant voices broken the stillness of the night." The stork has not visited us.

One pastor proved unworthy of his calling. I hold his withdrawal and credentials.

We have not forgotten the first purpose of the ministry, for 384 have been added to the Church during the year. We inherited much dead timber, for 312 of whom the greater part should not have been reported last year have removed without letters. Our net loss is 135, due to wrong reports one year ago. Our total membership is 3,084.

Special services have been held on seventeen charges during the winter months, and eight summer campaigns have been in operation with varied results. The most successful meetings in visible returns were held at Gary, Doland, Clark, Colman, Roswell, Oldham and Watertown. Things were promising at White, but an epidemic of scarlet fever caused the meeting to be closed. In all these meetings there were manifestations of the power of God. The pastors were faithful, and did their best. We trust the unseen results will be evident in Eternity.

Two new churches have been built. The Rock Creek Church on the Roswell charge, built at a cost of \$2,500.00 was dedicated free of debt, while the Logan Church on the Clark charge, started

under the ministry of Brother Dibble, completed under Brother MacLean, is still undedicated, because \$800 is lacking to free it from debt. This Church is valued at \$3,000. The Oxford Church, on the Hazel charge, was moved three miles to the town of Thomas where it was placed on a full basement foundation, which with other improvements cost \$1,000. Amount was fully covered at dedication. This Church now boasts the largest Sunday School in Hamlin county.

Four new parsonages adorn the district. Arlington began her parsonage during the closing weeks of last Conference year, but was not completed until last Spring. The valuation is \$5,000. Frankfort erected a home for her pastor, making it fully modern, at a cost of close to \$2,500. Roswell added an eight room parsonage valued at \$2,000, while Junius reports a new six room pastor's home valued at \$1,500. Howard has \$1,460 in the bank toward a new parsonage, and we hope to report one of the first order erected there at our next Conference.

Total valuation of New Parsonages \$11,000.

Notwithstanding the severe drought our people have raised large moneys in payment of debt. Brookings reports \$2,500; Watertown, \$1,700; Colman, \$709; Bruce, \$200; Gary, \$150; making a total of \$5,259. Castlewood has provided for her \$1,200 parsonage debt by securing interest bearing notes payable in three yearly installments.

Improvements have been made on Church property at Brookings, Bruce, Castlewood, Clear Lake, Colman, DeSmet, Doland, Elkton, (Purchase of a piano). Frankfort, Gary, Hazel, Kampeska, Lake Preston, Roswell and White, (Individual Communion Service). Total for improvements, \$1,145.

The grand total for building improvements and old debts amounts to \$24,909. Beside this our district has contributed to the New Building and Endowment fund for Dakota Wesleyan, \$25,000, making a grand total for these causes of \$49,909.

Our Benevolences have suffered because of the crop failure. In many parts of our district the "reaper has not been heard in the field." Many charges will report benevolences in full, while other charges will be able to give only a fair report. We regret this fact, but when the work of the year is totaled, we will find the people have given largely.

We have 2,933 pupils enrolled in our Sunday Schools. Nearly all our schools are organized into Missionary societies, and as supplied with our own publications. Three schools, Watertown, White and Clark, took active part in raising the Church benevolences, and I wish to recommend it to all as one of the best methods we have yet discovered.

We are justly proud of our young people. During the year we have organized the district into three Sub-districts of the Ep-

worth League. Northern, central and southern. Three Conventions were held with an attendance of 117 delegates. We plan a grand district rally for next summer, but the Sub-district organizations will be retained. Membership is 739. Many of our charges have strong Junior Leagues, where foundation work is being done for future usefulness.

The W. F. M. S., composed of women with a world-wide wisdom have worked loyally and their offerings amount to \$1,600.

The W. H. M. S. report only a few societies. Until the last year or two, our Conference has been neglected by organizers of this worthy band. We hope for large things in the future from this organization.

I wish also to report for the Ladies Aid, that right arm of our Church. These noble women have rendered great service to the Church during the past year. In all, they have raised \$7,000 and joyfully emptied their treasury into the lap of the Church.

In closing this, my first report, I wish to acknowledge the royal support of the pastors and laymen of the Watertown district during the past twelve months. Never did a Superintendent have more loyal men. We have not accomplished all we had hoped, but this may not count against us, as the man who reaches his aspirations may not have aimed very high. Business methods in church affairs have been adopted on many charges. Some charges are existing financially at a "poor dying rate," and the spiritual life is no higher. Brethren, let Church business be done "decently and in order."

Praying God's blessing upon our efforts, we submit this report.



Reports of Committees

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

The lack of fraternity among those sincerely opposed to the liquor traffic has been a serious obstacle to the rapid progress of the temperance reform. The charity which thinketh no evil and is very kind is as essential here as in any department of Christian work.

We believe that in the very proper efforts to secure and enforce good laws some fundamental things have been partially overlooked. These are constant and definite labors among the young; persuasive rather than harsh endeavors to hold in line that great middle class with whom the balance of power rests; and widespread, practical, and systematic labors to inform all our people as to the nature of the unmitigated evils that result from the drink habit and drink traffic.

We particularly recommend the observation of the Lincoln Pledge Signing Day.

We deplore the action of Secretary Knox in using his department in advancing the interests of the Brewer's Congress now convening in Chicago and we especially condemn the action of the Honorable James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, in consenting to act as Honorary President of that association. The complicity of the brewers in establishing and conducting the Saloon villiany is so well known that the honorable secretary of agriculture cannot be ignorant of it, and we feel that his course is an insult to the great mass of sober and patriotic citizens who have heretofore rejoiced in the excellent work of his department.

We rejoice in the work of the Anti-Saloon League and commend it to our churches as the most efficient and practical agency at the service of the church for combating the liquor traffic, and pledge the Reverend R. N. Holsapel, the state superintendent, our hearty support and co-operation in his work.

We request that Congress pass some legislation similar to the Miller-Curtis bill of the last Congress, which will adequately protect those of our states and communities in which the sale of liquor has been prohibited, from outside liquor interests who would nullify the laws by shipping in their goods.

We further urge our brethern to urge upon their representatives in Congress the necessity of standing by and seeking to secure such legislation as above.

We commend the movement known as THE Three Million Voters' League to the sympathies of all our brethern.

Resolutions

Inasmuch as the saloon power has ceased to act on the defensive and is now engaged in an aggressive warfare, the object of which is to force back into the license column every state, county and municipality, and since it is evident that the Anti-Saloon forces must present a new program to unify, inspire and arouse the enemies of this monster evil,

Therefore, resolved that it is the sense of this body that a nation wide campaign should be inaugurated, the aim of which shall be the total abolition of the Rum traffic by December, 1920.

This date is fixed that time may be given to those who have vested interests to dispose of the same and because it is believed that the reasonableness of this proposition will bring all the opposing forces of the Saloon together.

Our thought is that if Unchristianized China can banish the Opium traffic in less time than suggested in this resolution, Christian America should not doubt the possibility of abolishing the Rum curse. December 1920 is designated that we may associate with the great event the celebration of the 300th Anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers.

We recommend the following nominations for the Board of Directors of the Anti-Saloon League; A. C. Shepherd, J. S. Hoagland, A. S. Loveall, S. E. Brown and P. O. Bunt.

As representatives to the National Convention of the Anti-Saloon League: A. E. Carhart and C. E. Hager.

—R. A. Bruce, Sec.

—F. B. Dunn, Chairman
R. A. Bruce, Sec.

TEMPERANCE RESOLUTION

Be it resolved, that we express our belief that the attention of the Christian churches of America should be more definitely called to the necessity of a method of dealing with the liquor traffic as a national issue.

This need is shown by the fact that in the face of all our efforts both the aggregate, and the per capita consumption of liquor is greater now than ever before in American history, and still rapidly increasing; and by the fact that during the last fiscal year our army of liquor dealers was increased by more than 20,000 new dealers.

We believe that the people should understand that the liquor traffic has continuously grown in power and influence since the establishment of the license system in 1862, and that the present pro-liquor policy, established and maintained by the license system,

must be changed to an anti-liquor policy, which shall overthrow the license system before we can hope for real results in the battle against this our national sin. And as a means of securing this result we endorse and urge the signing of the "Three Million League" which is as follows:

Conditioned on three million other legal voters entering into this agreement, I hereby agree to vote for the electoral ticket of candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States in 1912 who stand on a platform declaring for the Prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes. I am to be furnished with satisfactory proof at least two weeks before the election that the three million signatures have been secured.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Your committee on Sunday Schools submit the following report:

We recognize that the Sunday School is one of the greatest, perhaps the greatest, assets of the church; and that in no field can we find greater prospect for the solution of the difficult problems that confront the church.

We commend the splendid work of the Board of Sunday Schools both extensive and intensive, and the valuable body of literature which it has created in so short a time. We suggest that Rally Day be observed on our charges and that careful attention be given by every pastor to the collection for this Board, and we respectfully call attention to the Graded Sunday School lessons. We believe that from the pedagogical standpoint they represent the best standards of modern educational principles and that if we wish to keep abreast of the times we will, as far as possible, introduce them into our Sunday Schools.

We would recommend that every pastor secure a set of these helps and study them carefully to the intent that they may prepare themselves for leadership in this work and be prepared to meet erroneous criticism of these helps.

We recommend that, since the home is so large a factor in the efficiency of the Sunday School, concerted and sustained effort be made to secure the co-operation of the home.

We would call attention to the importance of maintaining the

circulation of the Sunday School Journal. We are not to yield to the idea that its place has been taken by other publications, but endeavor to have it in the hands of every teacher. We believe that this publication is one of the best of its kind.

Respectfully submitted,

—Albert Hartt, Secy

—Louis L. Lane, Chairman

—Robert E. Tarleton

—H. E. Rice

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

We are much gratified by the heroic sacrifice of our people in this year of stringent financial conditions, which has resulted in contributions for Foreign Missions throughout the Conference amounting to the sum of \$11,201.00. We regret to report a decrease from last year's contributions of \$5,385.00.

The conventions conducted in some of the districts by Dr. Trimble and his efficient corps of missionaries were very helpful. We trust that similar conventions may be arranged for next year with the concurrence of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions.

We earnestly recommend the formation on every charge of Mission Study and Christian Stewardship classes.

We further recommend that the Sabbath Schools, especially in the primary and intermediate departments be encouraged to carry out the provisions of the Discipline in reference to the monthly missionary program and offering.

While we deeply appreciate the fidelity of many other churches we heartily congratulate Wessington Springs for again raising the banner missionary offering of the Conference; its total contributions for foreign missions reaching the munificent sum of \$1,750.00.

We welcome to our Conference the Rev. Dennis Clancy, D. D., with his stirring message from India.

Respectfully,

---I. M. Hargett, Secy.

—W. A. Black, Chairman

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON "MEN AND RELIGION FORWARD MOVEMENT

Believing that the time has come for a united advance on the part of all who love our Lord Jesus Christ and Believing in the call of God as sounded forth in the campaign cry for the men and boys of North America:

We, the Members of the Dakota Annual Conference, hereby express our desire, not only to have a part in the campaign, but to share in the labor and ultimate victory of the organized movement now on throughout this Continent.

We unqualifiedly endorse the "Men and Religion Forward Movement," and urge upon all our ministers and laymen the advisability of attending the Convention and Institute to be held in Sioux Falls, October, 22-29.

We recommend that in every pastoral charge throughout the Conference the various departments of work, as may best meet local needs, shall be organized and every effort put forth to reach the men and boys of every community.

We recommend the appointment of the Rev. J. S. Hoaglund, D. D., as official delegate from this Conference to the Convention and Institute to be held in Sioux Falls.

—J. W. Potter
—J. S. Hoagland
—W. J. Calfee
—A. C. MacLean
—Albert Hartt
—Committee

COMMITTEE ON DEACONESSES

1. In view of the fact all conditions required by the discipline for the consecration of Deaconesses having been met, We recommended that Sister Ida C. Hills of Parker be licensed as a deaconess and consecrated by Bishop McIntyre.

2. That the License of Sister Winnie Crouch be renewed.

3. That in view of the very great need of Deaconess work throughout the Conference, we request that our Conference Deaconesses be left free to respond to calls for deaconess services on different charges.

4. That we request the pastors of the Conference to urge upon young women the privileges and duties of deaconess work.

5: Board.

Class 1912—O. P. Jackson, Mrs. C. E. Hager, Mrs. G. W. Rosenberry.

Class 1913—A. C. MacLean, J. S. Hoagland, Mrs. H. P. Eberhart.

Class 1914—Mrs. J. P. Jenkins, I. W. Ellis, Mrs. C. E. Hager

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSIONS

We recognize the continued interest in the work of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and greatly acknowledge our

indebtedness to this Board which has aided so wisely in the development of the religious life of our Commonwealth. We feel that the added emphasis placed upon Foreign Missions by the Layman's movement and the Men and Religion Forward movement will greatly stimulate the work of the Home Field and greatly aid in securing funds for this important enterprise.

We pledge the Board our loyal support and wish to express our appreciation of the address of Dr. Ward Platt, who represented the work at our Annual Conference.

—W. E. Gale, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The Committee on Education offers the following report: We note with great satisfaction the increasing emphasis which our church is placing upon the cause of education, and heartily commend every effort for improved methods of instruction, bettered curriculums and strengthened teaching forces in our various educational institutions. The large sums of money freely contributed for buildings, equipment and for the endowment of our educational plants bespeak a wholesome awakening of the public conscience with reference to the importance of our educational work. We believe that some degree of this quickened interest of the present quadrennium is due to the toil and tact of our beloved Dr. Thomas Nicholson in his office as Secretary of the Board of Education. We commend the following agencies:

1. **The Board of Education.** The Board of Education is entitled to our heartiest sympathy and co-operation. The CHILDREN'S DAY FUND has aided nearly twenty thousand young people to secure an education. The requirements of the Discipline regarding it should be strictly observed. The fund for the AID OF INSTITUTIONS is worthy of increasing attention. The plans of the Board for a General Educational Collection, for a Sustaining Membership, and for contributions to a General Fund are timely. The creation of great boards and funds outside of the church has placed many of our colleges at a disadvantage, and there is urgent need of a larger support of our own Board of Education.

The Board merits earnest co-operation in its attempt to care for the schools among the mountaineers of the South. Every dollar of shortage in this collection means serious embarrassment for our work. The influence of the schools is beyond estimate. Every pastor should get the facts and give diligent attention to this collection.

THE CHRISTIAN STUDENT and the other publications of the Board are exceedingly valuable. We urge all our people to secure the literature now published by the Board of Education and to make

themselves intelligent regarding the great educational work of the church.

2. Theological Schools. As our ideal is the highest ministerial efficiency, we recognize the eminent value of theological training. We regard with pleasure the increasing importance attached to scholarship among us, and heartily commend a Seminary Course as the completer preparation for substantial success in the "cure of souls." We impartially commend our Theological Seminaries, delighting in their magnificent contributons of culture, wisdom, and spiritual vision given those so fortunate as to receive their liberal benefits.

3. Dakota Wesleyan University. Dakota Wesleyan University has enjoyed a year of prosperity despite the unfavorable financial conditions prevailing in the State.

Faculty—The faculty is strong and very effective. Many of the professors have received urgent calls to other institutions and a few have yielded. (One has gone to the Presidency of Carleton College, and another has taken a place on the Faculty of the University of Denver. Two have gone into the Mission Field, and others have left for study and travel.) The vacancies created have been filled in a satisfactory manner. These changes have offered an opportunity for needed readjustment of courses and chairs. We commend particularly the wisdom shown by the administration in arranging for extension work which will bring the University into closer relation with the Methodism of the State. In the selection of her faculty and the planning of her work, Dakota Wesleyan keeps in mind her relation to Methodism and the State and desires to become a potent factory in the life of both.

Attendance—The attendance was very good during the past year reaching the number of 584 with 165 more in the Summer School, making a total of 713. This is a slight decrease in attendance, but if the conference will become alert and render loyal support, the decrease can be overcome and an increase secured for the next semester of the present year and particularly for the beginning of the new year.

The spiritual interests of the Students are kept constantly in mind and the highest standards are set for both spiritual and mental development.

Improvements—A new heating system is being installed and is about completed. A tunnel has been put in for all the pipes and a water and sewer system has been provided. A new Science Hall costing about \$75,000.00 is to be finished for the second semester of the year. When completed, this hall will give to Dakota Wesleyan the finest Science Building in South Dakota. The Science Men now employed are thoroughly capable of making the most of the improved opportunities. Our Conference should bear in mind the fact that Dakota Wesleyan will now offer to Students facilities unsurpassed

by any institution in the State or in the Methodism of the Middle West.

The foundation of the Gymnasium is already in and waiting for some philanthropic person of means to finish the building as a monument to his interest in young life.

Endowment—There is great satisfaction found in the success of the campaign for new building and endowment. The \$200,000.00 required to meet Mr. Hill's conditional offer of \$50,000.00 will be fully raised by the specified time in November. The campaign will however have to be continued to reach \$300,000.00 in order to provide for the completion of buildings already projected.

We express our unbounded confidence in the administration of President S. F. Kerfoot, and deeply appreciate the masterful way in which he has solved the problems and overcome the difficulties confronted in this trying period of the University's life.

We recommend the following visitors to our various schools:

To Dakota Wesleyan: A. E. Buriff, J. W. Potter.

To Garrett, D. I. Rousch, O. W. Taylor, J. N. Greene.

To Biblical Institute, J. L. Seaton and G. W. Rosenberry.

To Drew Theological Seminary, J. S. Hoagland.

To Boston School of Theology, J. P. Jenkins.

—Paul Gardener, Sec.

—G. W. Rosenberry, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Inasmuch as our modern Christian Colleges require benefactions in order to meet the annual deficiency in running expenses, and

Inasmuch as our Dakota Wesleyan University is aiming to maintain the highest standards and to supply the best teaching force and facilities for higher education in the state, and furthermore,

Inasmuch as the current expense fund has naturally suffered on account of the campaign for the New Building and Endowment during the past year, therefore

Resolved that we the members of the Dakota Conference pledge ourselves to make a special effort to secure the full apportionment of an average of 50 cents per member, during the coming year.

Resolved, further that we select the most suitable Sunday, on or before January 1, 1912, as Dakota Wesleyan Day, giving exclusive attention to the interests and claims of the University, and presenting the cause with a full purpose to reach our apportionment, following up if need be with a personal canvass until, if possible, the last member is reached, and the last dollar is secured, and further

Resolved, that in giving our report in open Conference next year we state whether or not we have secured our full apportionment for this vitally important cause.

—A. D. Thibodeau, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEW YORK LAYMAN ASSOCIATION

We, your committee recommended an immediate consideration and vote by this Conference on the question of an equitable lay representation in the annual Conference, item three as recommended by the Layman's Association of the New York Conference and as further recommended to us by the Layman of the Dakota Conference.

We further recommend that inasmuch, as item one is so indefinite as to its meaning as interpreted by the Lay Association of the New York Conference; and item two is so radical in demanding fundamental changes, and because of the limited time for due consideration, we recommend that these items be referred to a committee of three to report at the next Session of this Conference.

—Paul Gardener, Sec.

—G. W. Rosenberry, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMAN'S AID

Your committee on Fredman's aid most respectfully report:

1. An examination of the last annual report of this society shows that in the twenty-three schools and colleges, 7,130 young people were receiving industrial, normal school and professional training. Of this number, 264 were in college classes, 149 preparing for the Christian Ministry, 300 in medicine and 245 in dentistry, pharmacy and nurse training, 2,850 in manual training and trade schools, including farming, and nearly 1000 in teachers training courses. These are to be the Christian leaders through whose efforts the problem of race uplift must be solved.

2. In addition to the regular collection for the support of the schools, special needs are now pressing upon the Society from the medical and industrial departments of this work. Flint Medical School at New Orleans, La., must have a new hospital. Meharry Medical School at Nashville, Tenn., has just finished at a cost of \$15,000, the first wing of a \$50,000 hospital. The remainder of the building is sorely needed and is only awaiting the necessary funds. The girls' dormitory of Walden University at Nashville, Tenn., was burned seven years ago. The Board has authorized the erection of a new dormitory, funds for which must be secured before it can be built, as the Society has resolved to keep out of debt. An unfinished dormitory for boys at Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark., and another at Wiley University, Marshall, Texas, are sorely needed, and will be finished as soon as the Church gives the money.

Mr. Burrows of Portland, Me., has given \$3,000.00 for an industrial building at Sam Huston College, Austin, Texas. The balance of the \$10,000.00 to complete this building must come from the West Texas Conference, the citizens of Austin and the Board.

These are only samples of the urgent needs of the work at this time.

3. The General Committee, after careful consideration of the needs of the schools, has fixed the apportionment for the coming year at \$250,000.00, of one-sixth of the apportionment for the Board of Foreign Missions. If this whole apportionment were met, the above additions to the buildings and equipment can be finished and put in working order by the beginning of another school year. Of this amount, our Dakota Conference is apportioned \$1,580. We hereby pledge ourselves to present this cause at least once during the year to our Congregations, and give our people an opportunity to reach this apportionment.

4. We recommend the observance of Lincoln Day as a most appropriate time for raising this money for which free programs are furnished on application.

—Earl V. Fisher, Secy.

—L. L. Layne, Chairman

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

Your committee on auditing Treasurer's accounts, having examined the same, find them to be correct.

—John Kaye, Sec.

—A. P. Jones, Chairman

LAYMEN IN THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, the participation of Laymen in the business of the Church is recognized by their membership in Quarterly, District and General Conferences, the Annual Conference alone being closed to them, and

WHEREAS, under our existing laws Laymen are entitled to participation in such important business of the Annual Conference as is assigned to Conference Stewards, the Discipline providing that Laymen may be members of said Conference Board of Stewards—able it such members of the Board of Stewards have as yet no rights on the floor of the body which appoints them, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Dakota Annual Conference, hereby declare our belief in the justice of the principle of lay membership in the Conferences at present open to them, and in less in the justice and wisdom of the further application of the principle to our Annual Conferences:

RESOLVED, that we hereby memorialize the coming General Conference to consider this matter and, if practicable, provide a plan whereby our laws admit Laymen to membership in our Annual Conferences, such membership not to include participation in questions of ministerial character, nor in the election of ministerial delegates to the General Conference.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolved, that we, the Dakota Conference in our 27th session, held at Aberdeen, do hereby express to Dr. Taylor, our deep appreciation for his untiring labor for the comfort of the members of this Conference, and to the members of the M. E. Church and the citizens of Aberdeen for the courtesy and hospitality extended to us individually, and as a body, during the session of the Conference.

2. We are glad to note the courtesy extended to the Conference by the Press of this City.

3. To the organist, chorister, and choir of the church, and to all others, who have made our praise services so great a success, we would offer thanks.

4. To the officers of the Conference, we express our appreciation for the able manner in which each has discharged the duties assigned him.

5. The Conference further desires to express its hearty appreciation of the type of men appearing before it this year, to represent the various lines of church activity. To Dr. W. J. Calfee for his inspiring leadership of devotional exercises; to T. O. Hartman for his able address on Sunday School work; and to the various official representatives of church boards for inspiring and helpful messages.

6. We wish to record our most hearty appreciation of the splendid services rendered by our beloved Bishop, The Rev. Robert McIntyre, D. D. L. L. D., whose sweet, brotherly, Christian spirit, able administration and inspiring addresses, bringing so near to a thousand hearts, "Our Father," make us the richer and more determined to do the work of Methodist preachers. For him we thank God and fervently pray the blessing of the Father.

—Committee

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LITERATURE

It is with great satisfaction that we point to the fact that our book concern is putting out such a vast amount of excellent literature, and rejoice because of its ever increasing profits which are greatly adding to the amount of the Conference Claimant Fund.

We heartily pledge our loyal support to this great and important institution of the Church.

We regret that there are, comparatively, so few of our own church periodicals taken by the laymen of the Church. We earnestly recommend that a more thorough canvass be made by the pastors.

We recommend that as far as possible the literature for the Sunday School be secured from our own publishing houses.

Respectfully submitted,

—R. B. Hughes, Secy.

—J. M. Tibbets, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

We deplore the fact that Sabbath desecration is becoming more and more prevalent in our State and Nation, and urge our pastors and laymen to unite in suppressing this evil, both by precept and example.

We commend every legislation that aids in the protection of the Sabbath and pledge ourselves to do all we can to make God's hallowed day a time of rest and true worship.

—Wm. N. Deller, Sec.

—T. H. Thevithick, Chairman

THE FAMILY ALTAR LEAGUE

Whereas, the neglect of family altar is apparent in many of our Methodist homes and a revival of family religion is desirable throughout the church and

Whereas, we believe the Family Altar League originated by Dr. W. E. Biederwolf (Evangelist) and endorsed by Bishop Hughes of our own church and Marion Lawrence of the International S. S. Association and others is an effort in the right direction, therefore be it

Resolved, that this Conference commend this League to the favorable consideration of our people and recommend the adoption by them of the plan proposed by the aforesaid League.

—Nels Fanebust

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

We recognize in the American Bible Society, one of the potent factors for the Evangelization of the World, bringing as it does the Word of God to almost every man in his own language, thus becoming chief ally to missionary and minister, in lifting lives, darkened by superstition and sin, into the light of Gospel truth, and should receive our united and hearty support, realizing that our indifference will seriously hinder the work of God. Hence we urge the brethren faithfully to present this cause to the people, recommending it to their liberality.

Respectfully submitted,

—O. P. Jackson, Sec.

—C. M. Stebbins, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALS

We reaffirm our allegiance to the proposition of a Methodist Hospital for Dakota, but do not think it wise under existing conditions to either choose a location or inaugurate a campaign for necessary funds; and recommend all action be deferred at this time. We are thankful for the nearness and kindly and efficient ministrations

of the Des Moines and Asbury Hospitals and commend them to our pastors and people for their support.

(Signed)—N. P. Johnson, Sec.

—T. B. Wilbur, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON W. F. M. SOCIETY

Inasmuch as the W. F. M. Society has made such a splendid record, doing a work in a peculiar way of its own, in a most efficient manner, we commend it to the pastors and people of this Conference, and hereby extend to the women of the society our thanks for their faithful co-operation in the great work of carrying the Gospel to every creature, and urge the women of our church not identified with it to become members of this great organization, and also the pastors to co-operate heartily with representatives of the Society.

—M. E. Nickerson

—F. Rawlinson

CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS

The Conference Board of Stewards find the following amounts available this year.

Collections	\$2,188
From the Book Concern	1,579
From the Chartered Fund	30
From the Connectional Fund	320
From Interest	763

Total\$4,880.

Deducting 5 per cent of collections for remittance to the Connectional Fund (\$4,880-\$109) leaves \$4,771, for distribution to our claimants.

We recommend that the above be distributed as follows:

To the Connectional Fund.....	\$ 109
J. W. Chamberlain, Scotland.....	125
G. J. Corwin, Artesian.....	185
W. O. Gram, Bath.....	85
J. G. Hall, Holtsville, California.....	185
L. Hartsough, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.....	325
A. Jameson, Correctionville, Iowa.....	300
F. J. Norton, Mitchell.....	350
O. A. Phillips, Mitchell.....	215
D. Rifenbark, Big Stone.....	350
H. M. Springer, Hartford, Vt.....	225
A. E. Tanner, Mitchell.....	200
T. Wilkinson, Siloam Sprg. Ark.....	150

T. H. Youngman, Canon City, Col.....	175
Mrs. S. F. Brown, Selby.....	159
Mrs. Myra Coon, Hurd, N. D.....	115
Mrs. Anna Cooper, Leeds, Eng.....	275
Mrs. Alida Corey, Chehallis, Wash.....	77
Mrs. Achsah B. Curl, 1303-13 Ave E, Oakland Cal..	185
Mrs. A. V. Farwell, Union Place, Neb.....	150
Mrs. Frank Fox, Redfield.....	125
Mrs. Kate Hoadley, 612 Bright St., Seattle.....	140
Mrs. Elizabeth McLean, Mitchell.....	190
Mrs. W. F. Minty, Mitchell.....	150
Mrs. T. H. Walker, 1305 Louisiana St., Little Rock, Arkansas	160
Mrs. S. Washburn.....	50
Harold Nichols, Mitchell.....	125
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Total	\$4,880

We recommend that \$50.00 be deducted from the allowance to F. J. Norton and paid upon his account with the Book Concern.

We believe that \$5,000 will be needed next year to pay just annuity claims and nearly \$3,000 additional for those of pure necessity.

—A. E. Carhart, Secy.

—O. A. Redfield, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EPWORTH LEAGUE

1. We recommend the District Epworth League as the most effective method of organizing the young people of our church for christian culture and work, and authorize the District Superintendent to appoint District officers, who shall arrange for a District Convention, where no organization exists.

2. We commed the Huron Dstrict for its continued efficiency and note with satisfaction the splendid work of the Watertown and Aberdeen Districts in their District organization this year.

3. A revival of League interest is shown in an increase of six chapters and 165 members.

We commend that every pastor put the League to the front and, if possible in any way, to organize League Chapters and emphasize the devotional and World Evangelization lines of work.

We commend that Mission and Bible study classes be organized in every League. We wish to express our appreciation of our paper, The Epworth Herald, and recommend that a vigorous campaign be made to place it in every Leaguer's hand. We would also express our appreciation of Gen. Sec. Randall's effort for a better and more useful League.

We respectfully recommend that next year the League may leave a place on the program that will emphasize this important field of labor.

—A. J. Hoyer, Sec.

—P. O. Bunt, Chairman

MEMOIR

Emily Alford was born July 27, 1857, at Ivy Bridge, England, and died in Parker, S. D., August 14, 1911. She was 54 years and 17 days.

She lived in England until she was married to our late Brother Nichols in 1885. They came to the United States that year, and to Evanston where the year before Brother Nichols had completed his studies for the ministry. In 1889 they came to Dakota and Brother Nichols was stationed at Twin Brooks, Gayville, Elk Point and Yankton. From Yankton they were transferred to Parker in 1898, where Brother Nichols had one of his most successful pastorates. In the summer of 1902 they moved back to England on account of the failing health of Brother Nichols, and remained there about a year. They returned to this country and were stationed at Alcester. Here in 1904 occurred the death of Brother Nichols and then Sister Nichols moved back to Parker where she made her home until the Father took her to her heavenly home.

Three years since the symptoms of cancer, which ultimately caused her death, made its appearance. The best medical skill was employed and in the course of two and a half years she submitted to three operations without relief. For the last four months she had a trained nurse in constant attendance.

Sister Nichols was a devoted and faithful wife and mother. She sought to live for the sake of her two children and was not at rest in regard to her dying until Brother Jenkins gave her the pledge of care for Edith and Harrold.

She was a devout Christian. The fragrance of her sweet Christian character will linger long and cast a halo of blessedness over the lives of her children and friends.

She was a splendid help in Church work. I shall not soon forget the Christian greeting and the pledging of her prayers for me when I moved to Parker last fall and became her pastor. Having been a pastor's wife she had great sympathy and encouragement for the new pastor and his wife.

She was a great sufferer from the dreadful disease of cancer. And yet, in the many times I called on her, I never heard one complaining word, but always faith and blessed trust in Jesus. That day when we had special prayer for her, Sister Nichols prayed, and I

never heard a sweeter prayer of trust and submission from anyone as she said, "Lord Jesus heal me, if it is thy way for me, nevertheless not my will be done."

A beautiful life, an uncomplaining life, a beautiful Christ-life has ended, but the memory of it is a heritage to children, better far than gold or sparkling gems.

Three brothers, Amos Alford, Chas. Alford and Fred Alford attended the funeral which was held from our church in Parker on August 17th. Her pastor preached the sermon from Psalms 23-4. Brother Trevithick offered prayer and Brother Stebbins read the Scripture. Short services were held at Alcester, where she was laid to rest by the side of her husband, our dear Brother Nichols.

Reverends Trevithick of Salem, Book of Davis, Rowden of Harley, Sherman of Alcester, Krins of Canistota, Hoffman of Parker, were the active pall bearers, while six official members of the Parker church were honorary bearers.

MEMOIR

The Rev. Frank Fox

When Frank Fox was called to his eternal home on June 16, 1911, another of God's standard bearers was mustered out of the ranks of the Methodist preachers.

He was born in Batley, Carr, Yorkshire, England, August 1, 1866. After finishing at the All-Saints Parish Church School, and the Purlwell Boarding School, he took a three year course at the Yorkshire College at Leeds, and a three year course in the Batley School of Designs, after which he succeeded his father as cloth-designer for the firm of Joseph Judd & Sons, Batley.

At the age of 19, he was converted, and soon afterwards, he felt the call to the Christian Ministry. In 1888 he was licensed to preach. The following year he was married to Miss Bertha Redfearn, who has proven a faithful helpmate, gladly adjusting herself to the many vicissitudes of parsonage life, rejoicing with her husband in his victories, sympathizing with him in discouragements. She stood with him by the open grave of their only son and child, and now is alone in the world among strangers, frail in health, but strong in faith.

In 1892, they sailed for Philadelphia where Brother Fox was employed as cloth-examiner, for Folwell Bros. A year later he was called to take the Hewellen Circuit, Pa., where he served with credit two years. Then he preached at Mahoney Plane for two years and eight months, when for his wife's health, he transferred to the Dakota Conference in 1897. Here he served at Mound City three years, Langford two years, Bath a year and Doland a year, when he was compelled to give up his work on account of ill health. But the

next year found him again in the pastoral harness, this time at Gettysburg; but it was only for a year, for his health was such that he could not endure the strain of the active ministry. So in 1906, Brother Fox sought the supernumerary relation, moved to Redfield, and engaged in Lyceum agency.

The only child, Chancy, a bright boy of 10, was called away from his fond parents in March, 1910. The shock of this death completely broke the father, and since September of that year, he has been gradually declining with Nephritis. During the last two months, he was cared for in our Methodist hospital in Des Moines, where every possible thing for his recovery and comfort was done. Thank God for the Christian Ministry of the hospital. But his recovery was in vain. Early in the morning of June 16, surrounded by his broken-hearted wife and the Christian attendants of the hospital, his spirit took its flight, and Frank Fox's pains were over. The funeral was held on the following Sunday afternoon in the Methodist Church at Redfield, conducted by the pastor, assisted by the Reverends, L. Layne of Doland, Dudgeon of Frankfort, and S. G. Butcher of the Congregational church in Redfield, and Brother Fox was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery by his little son.

In his well days, Brother Fox was an earnest, hard-working laborer in the vineyard, an effective up-to-date preacher, and an untiring pastor. He gave up the battle of life, not from choice, but because the Father said, "It is enough."

MEMOIR

Rev. Walter F. Minty

Walter F. Minty was born in Leonard Stanley, Gloucestershire, England, on January 8, 1844, and came to America about thirty-eight years ago. He supplied a pulpit in New Jersey for one year and then moved to Illinois where he was admitted to the Rock River Conference and ordained deacon by Bishop Bowman in October, 1874. Bishop Andrews ordained him elder October, 1879.

November 1, 1876, he was married to Miss Maria Remington, and to this union three daughters and two sons were born—all of whom are living and are an honor to his untarnished name; Mrs. Mary Templeton of Woonsocket, S. D.; Mrs. Marie Briggs, Fargo, N. D.; Miss Ruth Minty, with her mother at Mitchell, S. D.; Dr. Fred Minty of Rapid City, S. D.; and George E. Minty of Mitchell, S. D.

Brother Minty's Methodist ancestry is traceable to the days of the Wesleys. He was a Methodist of the old school, indeed.

In 1883 he came to Dakota Territory as a missionary and was appointed to Columbia on the then Ordway District. The following year he was sent to Detroit on the same district. At the organization of the Dakota Conference in 1885, Brother Minty's name appears on

the roll of charter members. The following is a chronological list of the charges he has served, besides those already mentioned: Co-umbia, 1885; Pierre, 1886; Mt. Vernon, 1887-8; Tyndall and Springfield, 1889-90; Dell Rapids, 1891; Henry 1892-3; Britton and Newark, 1894; Britton, 1895-7; Woonsocket, 1898-1900; Elk Point, 1901-3; Egan, 1904-5; Minty Circuit, 1906-8.

In 1909 he asked for the superannuated relation, which was granted him, but after one year out of the pastorate he was glad to take up the work again, though as a supply, and was appointed to Ethan, which charge he served to the best of his ability during this conference year, until called to his reward, on Monday morning, August 21. He died as he had often expressed a hope that he might, "with the harness on." Though away from his home and family, he was among friends, but there was nothing that could be done for him, for quickly "he was not, for God took him."

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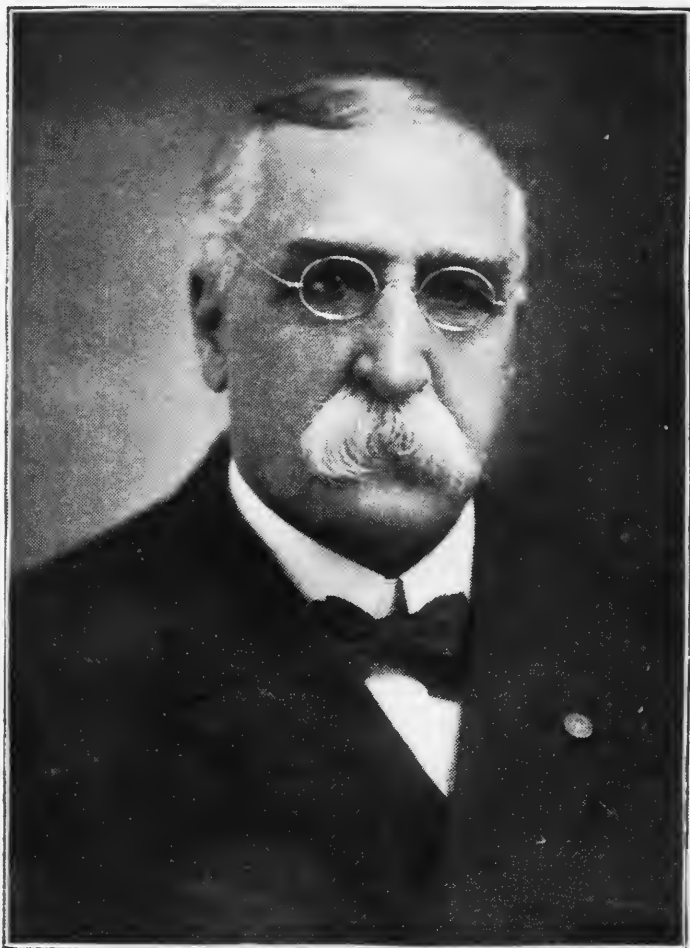
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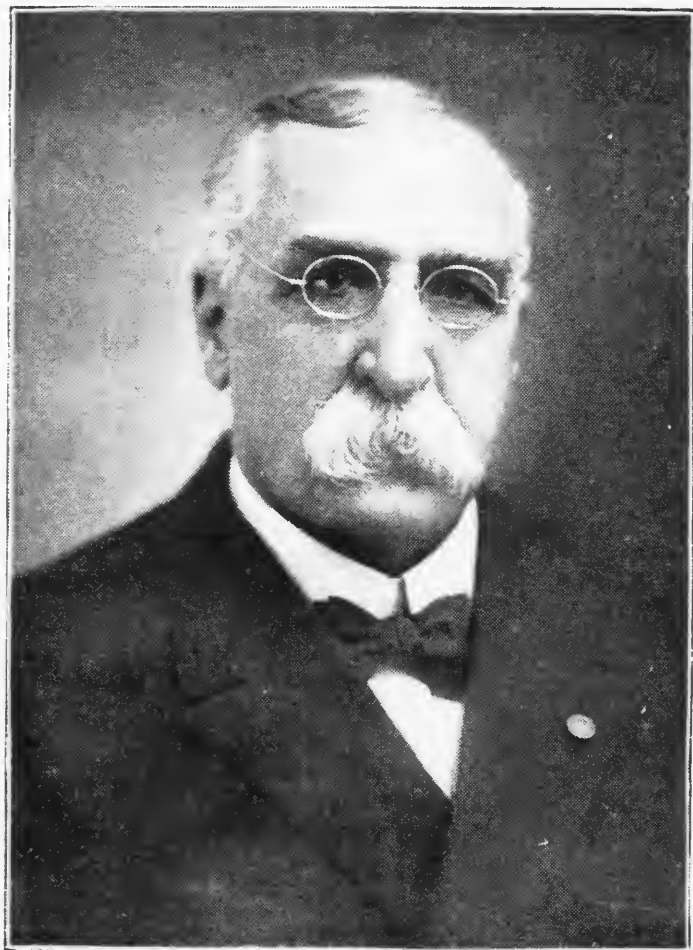
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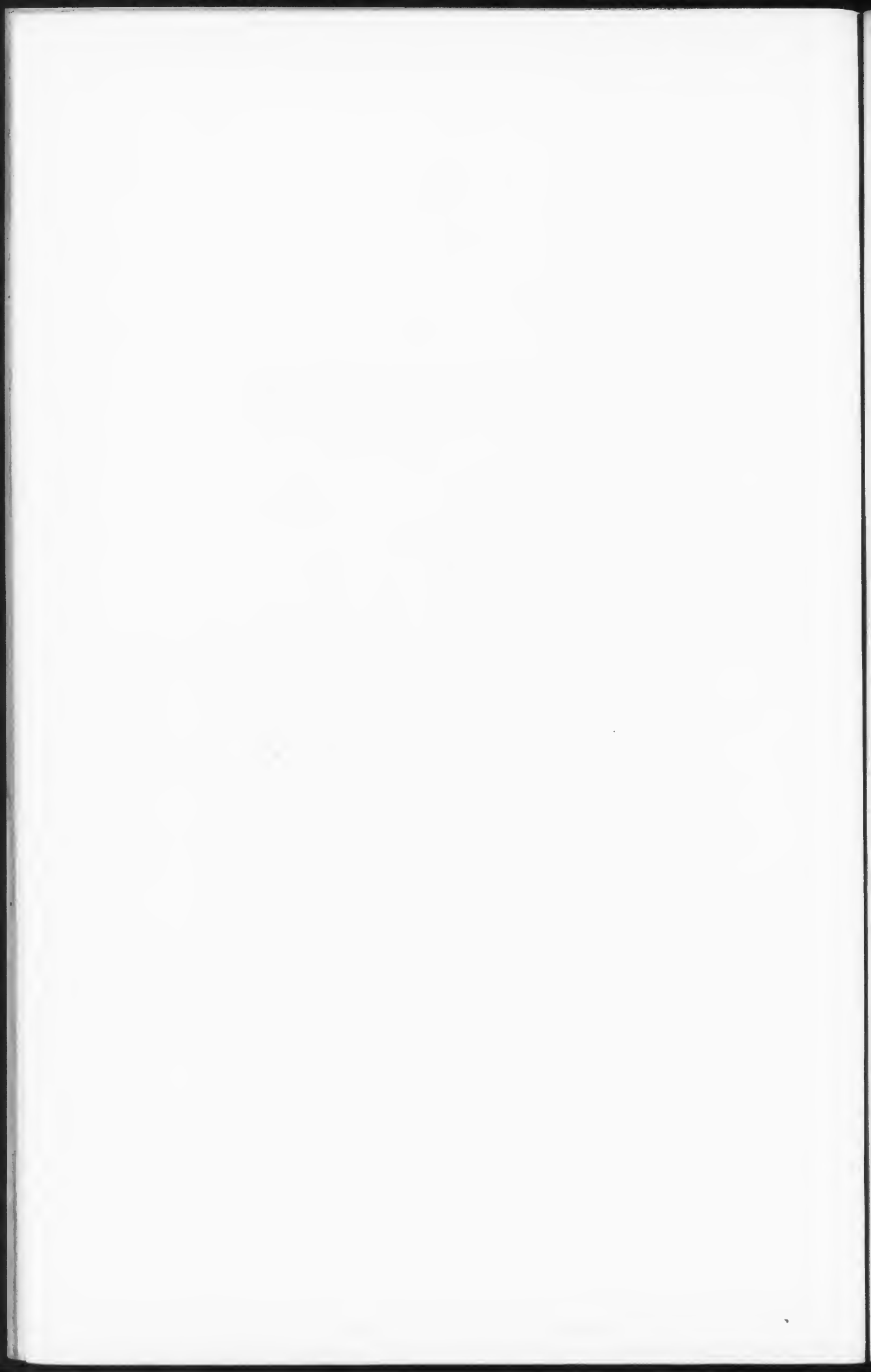
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During the last years of her life Mrs. Corwin suffered much, but all was borne with a patient resignation which showed to her family and friends her strong reliance on the One who doeth all things well.

Her memory is precious. Her husband knows the loss he has sustained but is upheld by the arms of the Almighty.

Her children here and in Mexico, unite in saying:

“And one face, above all others,
Must with peerless luster glow—
Yea, a sweeter, nobler vision
On this earth I ne'er shall know.
Round that face like clustering jewels,
All bright memories are masked,
For my mother was the princess
Of my palace of the past.”

MEMOIR

Rev. Oliver Williams.

The Rev. Oliver Williams was born in Freeport, Pa., February 2, 1837, and died October 27, 1910. He was converted when 10 years of age and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was active in religious work even in his youth and young manhood and early was conscious of God's call to preach the gospel.

In 1860 he became a “supply preacher” in one of the Iowa Conferences and soon afterwards was “admitted on trial.” Here the call to the ministry was sealed by many souls converted under his stirring appeals.

Like many young Methodist Ministers in those heroic days, he also heard his country's call and enlisted as a soldier, August 9, 1862. During his entire army career he never forgot that he was a soldier of Jesus Christ, and although never a Chaplain, he frequently preached to the boys and sang for them to their profit and inspiration.

After the war, Brother Williams resumed regular ministerial work, serving successfully important charges in Missouri, Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota. He was not only an earnest, evangelistic preacher who had devivals, he was also a powerful champion of the fundamental doctrines of the church. He could be counted on in any good fight for civic righteousness and was keenly alive to the current religious sophistries which he refuted with fine tact and strong logic. He made a notable record in the conferences as a church builder and a debt raiser.

Brother Williams was twice married. The wife of his young manhood died in the winter of 1876. About three years afterwards he was married to Miss Helen Robertson in Blue Earth, Minn. To this union were born three children, Ella May, the wife of Mr. Lewis

Shuster of Mitchell, S. D.; Paul Williams of DeSmet, S. D., and Mary Alice, who died in babyhood.

It was while in the pastorate at Scotland, S. D., that the wife and mother of his children passed into the homeland. The last years of Brother William's life were happily spent in his daughter's home in Mitchell, where every want was anticipated and everything was done that willing hands and tender hearts could do. He was a great sufferer, but through it all he rejoiced in the sustaining grace of God and found that the Christ, whom he had often commended to others in health and sickness, was inexpressible precious to him, in these days of weary waiting.

He was always present at the Sabbath worship when possible, occasionally assisting the pastor in the sacramental service. He was one of the fine colony of superannuates that have been a benediction to the pastorate of Mitchell for many years. He looked forth with eagerness to the coming of last year's conference to his home church, hoping to be able to be present. But it was not to be. The visits of many of his brethern to his bedside cheered and comforted him. A few day afterward he answered to the roll call of the Church Triumphant.

The funeral was conducted by the pastor and a number of the resident ministers and interment took place at Blue Earth, Minn. beside the bodies of his loved ones.

Rules of Examination By the Conference Board of Examiners

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 TERM EXPIRES 1915...W. D. Deeble, D. I. Roush, A. D. Thibodeau

1. The Board of Examiners consisting of twelve members, shall be appointed, organized and conducted according to the disciplinary plan, Par. 65 of appendix.

2. Mid-year examinations may be held in the spring in accordance with paragraph 65, section 4 and 5 of appendix.

3. The Elementary English Branches shall include English Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic, Reading and Writing.

4. Candidates for Local Deacons' and Local Elders' Orders shall conform to requirements in Discipline, appendix, Par. 69.

5. In case of unavoidable absence of any examiner from the meeting of the Board, he shall forward his list of questions to the Chairman, who shall arrange for the examinations.

6. All Essays and Sermons shall be forwarded to the respective examiners at least one month before date of the Annual Conference.

7. A copy of the plan together with the detail schedule of studies and assignments of examiners shall be printed in the Conference Journal.

8. The Chairman shall arrange a schedule for the annual examinations.

9. No candidate shall be entitled to advanced classification who has failed to pass in two books or subjects to be studied, or in three books to be read, or in one to be studied and two to be read; and no candidate shall be entitled to examination in advanced studies until he has brought up the work in which he is delinquent.

10. The Board of Examiners shall be a permanent committee on the revision and amendment of the plans and methods here presented; but before they become a valid part of the plan, or are used or published by the Board, all proposed changes shall be accepted by the Conference.

SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCE CLASSES AND EXAMINERS

Examiner.	Admission	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year	Local Orders
Seaton	Sermon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sermon	In Chgo. of Chairman
Hartt	Rhetoric	Kirkpatrick	Price .....	.....	.....
Loveall	Christian Perfection	American History .....	.....	.....	.....
Roush	Doctrine .....	.....	Essay .....	.....	.....
Willcox .....	.....	.....	History of England .....	.....	.....
Rosenberry	Discipline .....	.....	Logis .....	.....	.....
Fillebrown	English Branches .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greene	Wesley and his Cen.	Sermon .....	.....	.....	.....
Buriff	Outlines of History .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deeble .....	.....	Homilistics .....	.....	.....	.....
Jenkins	Bible Histry .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thibodeau	Books to be read....	Books to be read....	Books to be read....	Books to be read ...	Books to be read....	

N. B.—For information relating to any phase of the various courses of study, as to examination, credits, etc., write the Chairman, A. D. Thibodeau, Pierre, South Dakota.

CONFERENCE NECROLOGY

Name	Place of Death	Time of Death	Age	Years in Ministry	Conference Relation
John M. Rust.....	Vermillion, Dakota	1871	41	15	Effective
Thomas M. Williams..	Bridgewater, Dakota ...	1881	50	24	Effective
William H. Hoadley..	Huron, Dakota	1886	51	16	Supernumerary
T. S. Hunt	Aurora, Indiana	1887	57	16	Effective
Wm. H. Affleck	Leeds, England	1887	76	..	Effective
Wm. Vivian	San Fernando, Cal.....	1888	45	8	Supernumerary
Chas. B. Gilbert	St. Catherine, Can.....	1889	..	1	Probationer
Stanley S. Smith	Pierpont, S. Dak.....	1889	..	1	Probationer
Ira A. Sparks.....	Armour, S. Dak.....	1894	29	9	Effective
Wm. Wesley Brown...	Thomasburg, Ont.	1894	32	6	Supernumerary
Geo. B. Dodd	Coleman, S. Dak.....	1895	36	2	Probationer
A. R. Boggs	Mitchell, S. Dak.....	1889	64	29	Superannuate
Oliver H. Sproul	Northville, S. Dak.....	1889	53	26	Effective
Francis A. Burdick ..	University Place, Neb..	1900	48	23	Superannuate
H. T. Curl	Oakland, Cal.....	1901	60	33	Superannuate
Hiram S. Cocn	Kampeska, S. Dak.....	1902	45	6	Effective
Colin T. Cooper.....	Faulton, S. Dak.....	1903	35	4	Effective
Geo. H. Parker	Andover, S. Dak.....	1903	35	8	Effective
Sanford Washburn ...	Chicago, Ill.....	1904	74	41	Superannuate
Francis T. Nicholls...	Alcester, S. Dak.....	1904	46	15	Effective
Wm. H. Cory	Seattle, Wash.	1904	54	19	Supernumerary
Wm. Underwood	White Lake, S. Dak....	1906	74	53	Superannuate
Lachlin McLean	Mitchell, S. Dak.....	1907	59	26	Effective
T. H. Walker	Siloam Springs, Ark....	1908	72	36	Superannuate
S. F. Brown	Selby, S. Dak.....	1908	83	49	Superannuate
Henry Preston	DeSmet, S. Dak.....	1909	40	10	Effective
W. F. Minty.....	Ethan, S. D.....	1911	67	28	Superannuate
Oliver Williams	Mitchell, S. D.....	1910	75	45	Superannuate
Frank Fox	Des Moines, Ia.....	1911	45	..	Supernumerary

SESSIONS OF DAKOTA MISSION AND CONFERENCE

Date	Place	President	Members	Secretary
Sept., 1880	Yankton	Bishop Warren	1050	Wm. McCready
Oct., 1881	Sioux Falls.....	Bishop Hurst	1366	Wm. McCready
Oct., 1882	Parker	Bishop Merrill	1504	Wm. McCready.
Oct., 1883	Huron	Bishop Simpson	2782	D. Rifenbark
Oct., 1884	Mitchell	Bishop Andrews	4469	D. Rifenbark
Oct., 1885	Blunt	Bishop Foss	5209	A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1886	Watertown	Bishop Bowman	6565	A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1887	Aberdeen	Bishop Fowler	8225	A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1888	Yankton	Bishop Walden	9474	A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1889	Huron	Bishop Vincent	10526	W. H. Jordan
Oct., 1890	Mitchell	Bishop Fitzgerald	9663	G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1891	Sioux Falls	Bishop Foss	9006	A. W. Adkinson
Oct., 1892	Madison	Bishop Goodsell	9170	A. W. Adkinson
Oct. 1893	Brookings	Bishop Ninde	9749	G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1894	Watertown	Bishop Fowler	10094	G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1895	Aberdeen	Bishop Joyce	9510	C. H. Smith
Oct., 1896	Vermillion	Bishop Vincent	9335	J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1897	Mitchell	Bishop Warren	9269	J. P. Jenkins
Oct. 1898	Parker	Bishop McCabe	10429	J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1899	Huron	Bishop Hurst	10960	J. P. Jenkins
Oct. 1900	Sioux Falls.....	Bishop Merrill	11324	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1901	Milbank	Bishop Foss	11430	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1902	Madison	Bishop Goodsell	11187	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1903	Aberdeen	Bishop Walden	11440	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1904	Mitchell	Bishop Hamilton	11881	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1905	Watertown	Bishop Warren	12522	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1906	Brookings	Bishop Cranston	12766	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1907	Vermillion	Bishop McDowell	13402	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1908	Sioux Falls	Bishop Wilson	14759	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1909	Huron	Bishop Nuelsen	15673	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1910	Mitchell	Bishop Nuelsen	16242	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1911	Aberdeen	Bishop McIntyre	15751	G. D. Brown

STATISTICS

Statistics No. 1

ABERDEEN DISTRICT

J. S. HARKNESS, District Supt.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION

Name of Charge	Church Membership				Baptisms		Sunday School			Epworth Leagues				Church Property						
	Probationers	Members	Local Preachers	Deaths	Children	Adults	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars Including C. R. & H. D.	Sr. Chapters	Members	Jr. Chapters	Members	Churches	Probable value	Parsonages	Probable value	Pd. Bldg. Im. Ch. Prop. & Pres'g's	Paid on Old Indebtedness	Pres. Indebtedness Church Prop.
Aberdeen	2	610	2	7	14	15	1	40	610	1	85	1	45	1	80000	1	5000	300	5000	10000
Andover	3	80	.	.	2	9	1	10	123	1	30	1	25	1	2500	1	2500	97	....	....
Ashton	7	44	.	.	.	.	1	7	63	.	.	1	11	2	4000	1	2000	100	....	....
Bath	7	44	.	1	.	1	1	5	60	1	25	1	25	1	2000	1	800	...	....	....
Big Stone .....	.	89	.	.	3	10	1	16	100	1	27	.	.	1	4000	1	1500	25	150	250
Bowdle	4	24	1	.	3	7	1	11	100	1	33	.	.	1	2000	1	1800	100	....	...
Bradley .....	.	79	.	.	1	.	2	12	100	.	.	.	.	2	3500	1	1200	...	....	....
Bristol and Butler .....	.	49	.	.	.	.	1	11	30	.	.	.	.	2	5500	1	1500	18	....	....
Britton	1	108	.	1	7	2	3	19	185	1	30	1	25	1	7500	1	2500	200	200	800
Claremont	9	61	.	.	3	3	1	10	82	.	.	.	.	3	13000	1	1500	200	500	1300
Conde .....	.	60	.	.	8	.	2	16	120	1	25	1	30	1	3000	1	2000	100	....	....
Corona	2	62	.	.	.	1	1	12	102	.	.	1	12	2	3000	1	1500	150	....	....
Cresbard	6	40	.	1	7	2	1	13	86	1	24	1	20	1	4000	1	2500	1550	23	880
De Voe	1	33	.	1	2	3	2	13	96	.	.	.	.	1	1000	1	1000	...	....	....
Florence .....	.	31	.	.	2	.	1	5	30	.	.	.	.	2	4600	.	....	800	....	200
Frederick .....	.	57	.	.	5	10	2	15	100	2	41	.	.	1	2500	1	2000	200	....	....
Groton and Putney	3	109	.	.	2	2	2	21	240	.	.	.	.	2	17000	1	2500	7000	....	6000
Hecla .....	.	66	1	.	.	2	2	13	100	2	39	1	34	2	4000	1	1500	164	126	25
Langford	4	60	.	.	2	.	2	10	121	1	25	1	30	1	2000	1	1500	...	....	....
Leola .....	.	43	1	2	12	.	2	13	150	.	.	.	.	1	3000	1	1000	20	....	750
Mellette .....	.	65	.	.	.	1	2	15	130	1	20	.	.	1	4500	1	2000	685	....	375
Milbank	7	200	.	1	7	30	1	22	250	1	46	1	50	1	15500	1	3100	...	....	100
Northville .....	.	88	.	3	4	.	2	18	121	2	32	.	.	2	10000	1	2000	220	961	3540
Rosece	2	31	2	.	7	.	2	17	86	1	13	.	.	1	3000	1	1500	...	....	1050
Selby	12	98	.	.	2	.	2	25	236	1	32	1	25	1	12500	1	1000	7000	....	5500
Sisseton .....	.	121	.	3	10	5	2	22	230	1	32	1	50	2	4000	1	1200	...	....	150
Summit .....	.	30	.	.	.	.	1	6	65	.	.	.	.	1	3600	.	....	....	....	....
Westport	4	21	1	1	.	1	4	24	115	.	.	.	.	2	3000	1	1600	1360	....	240
Webster .....	.	138	.	2	11	.	2	38	200	.	.	.	.	1	4000	1	2500	448	....	200
Waubay .....	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	...	.	.	.	.	1	2000	.	....	110	....	....
White Rock .....	.	83	1	.	2	3	3	30	230	2	37	1	26	3	7300	1	1500	3186	....	166
Total	74	2624	10	23	116	107	53	469	4290	22	606	14	388	45	238500	28	52550	24033	7060	31526

ABERDEEN DISTRICT

Statistics No. 2

J. S. HARKNESS, District Supt.

Name of charges	Sunday Schools										COLLECTION FOR BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
	No. of Schools	No. of Officers Teachers	No. of Scholars of all Grades, not including Cradle Roll and Home Dept.	Average Attendance of all Grades	No. of Children on the Cradle Roll	Total Endowment in all Depts. including Cradle Roll and Home Dept. but no Officers and Teachers	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers	No. of Scholars, whether Attend- ants or Members in Home Dept. who are Ch'ch Mbrs. or Probationers	No. of Members of Sunday School Converted during the Year.	Current expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools
Aberdeen	1	40	600	275	40	640	40	150	15	300	..	10
Andover	1	10	100	70	22	122	10	..	14	65	..	15
Ashton	1	7	63	40	..	63	7	22	6	40	14	..
Bath	1	5	49	40	11	60	4	25	..	35	2	1
Big Stone	1	16	95	75	5	100	16	60	12	50	15	..
Rowdle	1	11	100	65	..	100	10	20	6	98	..	..
Bradley	2	12	100	65	..	100	..	..	3	50	..	8
Bristol and Butler ..	1	11	30	20	..	30	10	..	9	16	3	..
Britton	3	19	160	115	25	185	19	..	..	105	..	5
Claremont	1	10	56	44	26	82	8	22	..	65	..	..
Conde	2	16	120	75	..	120	15	..	..	65	5	..
Corona	1	12	75	58	27	102	11	..	4	84	..	..
Cresbard	1	13	77	55	9	86	12	24	14	57	5	..
De Veo	2	13	96	63	..	96	9	17	6	37	..	5
Florence	1	5	30	30	..	30	5	2	..	30	4	..
Frederick	2	15	100	..	..	100	15	..	..	50	..	..
Groton and Putney ..	2	21	215	165	25	240	21	..	7	100	..	7
Hecla	2	13	100	75	..	100	9	19	..	50	..	..
Langford	2	10	121	80	..	121	10	..	12	45	8	2
Leola	2	13	130	60	20	150	6	30	4	30	2	1
Mellette	2	15	115	73	15	130	13	60	23	65	..	..
Milbank	1	22	230	140	20	250	20	100	50	110	5	10
Northville	2	18	106	85	15	121	17	5	..	82	..	..
Roscoe	2	17	86	46	..	86	10	21	..	16	..	..
Selby	2	25	236	147	..	236	15	66	1	90	..	5
Sisseton	2	22	199	131	31	230	18	50	4	106	..	..
Summit	1	6	65	40	..	65	6	..	..	35	..	..
Westport	4	24	115	83	..	115	9	14	20	9	..	..
Webster	2	28	169	150	31	200	28	120	..	50	..	..
Waubay .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
White Rock	3	30	230	163	..	230	27	64	3	95	6	..
Total	61	479	3968	2528	322	4290	391	891	213	2030	69	69

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Statistics No. 3

ABERDEEN DISTRICT

J. S. HARKNESS, District Supt.

Name of Charges	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support							Support Con Claim'ts		Support Dist Supts		Support of Bishops		Total Support Pas- tors Con. Claim'ts Dist. Supts. Bishops	Current Expenses			
		CLAIMS			RECEIPTS				Deficences	Amount Appor- tioned	Amount Paid	Amount Appor- tioned	Amount Paid	Amount Appor- tioned		Amount Paid	Church, Sexton Fuel, Light, etc.	S. S. Lesson leaves, books, etc.	Total
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total												
Aberdeen	J. W. Taylor	2000	420	2420	2000	420	2420	...	60	60	200	200	30	30	2710	1000	300	1300	
Andover	F. E. Morrison	900	200	1100	900	200	1100	...	27	27	90	90	9	9	1226	24	65	89	
Ashton	E. E. Vernon	800	180	980	700	180	880	100	16	16	80	70	8	8	974	60	40	100	
Bath	Harry Lee	600	100	700	630	100	730	...	...	...	60	60	6	6	896	75	35	110
Big Stone	O. M. Hyde	900	125	1025	900	125	1025	...	27	32	90	90	9	9	1156	110	50	160	
Bowdle	J. E. McKinney	600	150	750	600	150	750	...	18	18	50	50	6	6	824	100	98	198	
Bradley	F. C. Page	780	100	880	780	100	880	...	15	15	78	78	8	8	981	52	50	102	
Bristol and Butler	F. E. Morrison	300	...	300	300	...	300	...	9	9	30	30	3	3	342	100	16	116	
Britton	J. A. Willey	950	200	1150	950	200	1150	...	33	33	95	95	13	13	1291	200	106	305	
Claremont	D. W. Moore	800	150	950	800	150	950	...	24	24	80	80	8	8	1062	100	65	165	
Conde	W. D. Beeble	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	...	40	30	100	100	10	10	1340	100	65	165	
Corona	John Wood	700	150	850	730	150	880	...	21	21	70	73	7	7	981	100	84	184	
Cresbard	H. G. Ozanne	800	172	972	800	172	972	...	16	10	80	80	8	5	1067	83	57	140	
De Veo	F. L. Bromaghin	545	150	695	545	150	695	...	11	11	55	55	5	5	766	22	37	59	
Florence	D. G. Radcliffe	575	...	575	575	...	575	...	6	3	57	57	4	1	636	30	30	60	
Frederick	Joseph Snowden	800	150	950	800	150	950	...	10	10	80	80	5	5	1045	50	50	100	
Groton and Putney	S. E. Brown	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	...	24	24	120	120	12	12	1556	175	100	275	
Hecla	J. H. Brown	800	180	980	800	180	980	...	24	24	80	80	8	8	1092	60	50	110	
Langford	M. T. Habgood	800	100	900	800	100	900	...	24	24	80	80	9	9	1013	135	45	180	
Leola	E. Redmayne	700	100	800	700	100	800	...	7	7	70	70	7	7	884	80	30	110	
Mellette	J. S. Ellis	800	200	1000	800	200	1000	...	16	16	80	80	8	8	1104	115	65	180	
Milbank	Earnest Holgate	1200	240	1440	1200	200	1440	...	36	36	120	120	12	12	1608	450	110	560	
Northville	J. M. Hunter	1000	180	1180	625	180	805	375	30	15	100	62	10	5	887	150	82	232	
Roscoe	A. A. Ronshausen	400	...	400	347	...	347	53	8	4	40	16	4	2	369	27	16	43	
Selby	Albert Hartt	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	...	30	10	100	100	10	5	1265	150	90	240	
Sisseton	R. C. Shearer	1050	150	1200	960	150	1110	90	30	30	105	95	10	9	1244	130	106	236	
Summit	L. F. Brown	160	...	160	160	...	160	...	...	2	...	10	...	1	173	50	35	85
Westport	Thomas Davies	600	180	780	600	180	780	...	18	3	60	35	6	2	820	18	9	27	
Webster	Mortimer R Crisp...	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	...	25	25	72	72	15	15	1312	200	50	250	
Waubay	L. F. Brown	135	...	135	135	...	135	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	135	5	...	5
White Rock	Joseph F. Franklin	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	...	33	33	100	100	11	11	1294	106	95	201	
Total		24895	4477	29372	24337	4477	28814	618	638	572	2422	2328	261	239	31953	4057	2030	6087	

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS (DISCIPLINARY)

Other Benevolent Collections

Name of Charges	Missions						Board of Education	Board of Sunday Schools	Board of Conference Claimants?	Freedmen's Aid Society	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Disciplinary Collections	Local Educational Interests	Miscellaneous	Total Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Central Office Expenses of Epworth League	Grand Total			
	Board Fr'n M's			Board Home M's																			
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	Special Gifts	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	Special Gifts																	
Aberdeen	300	50	..	130	50	..	..	18	15	5	20	1	30	5	243	766	200	137	1103	8	..	1111
Andover	20	..	..	20	50	..	..	5	..	15	2	1	10	1	35	221	20	21	262	5	..	269
Ashton	50	4	25	50	4	..	..	3	14	..	8	..	4	1	..	165	27	60	252	4	..	256
Bath .....	..	..	29	6	..	4	..	..	..	1	12	6	4	..	58	122	..	2	124	3	..	129
Big Stone	55	..	35	55	..	..	..	2	15	..	5	..	4	1	107	281	28	30	339	4	1	344
Bowdle	5	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	16	..	..	16	..	1	17
Bradley .....	..	45	..	..	45	..	..	4	..	8	3	..	5	1	5	116	20	..	136	2	..	138
Bristol and Butler ..	15	..	..	15	..	..	1	2	..	3	1	..	1	1	36	78	10	..	88	4	..	92
Britton	21	9	..	21	9	..	..	5	9	5	5	..	7	2	67	160	44	16	220	4	..	226
Claremont .....	..	10	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	26	61	..	2	63	3	..	66
Conde	13	8	..	..	..	30	1	5	5	..	10	..	5	1	5	83	25	..	108	5	..	113
Ccrona	9	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	3	..	..	25	..	150	175	6	..	181
Cresbard	13	4	..	13	4	..	1	10	5	..	2	..	2	2	31	87	6	16	109	4	..	115	
De Voe .....	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	65	8	..	73	2	..	75
Florence	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	4	..	..	15	..	..	15	..	..	15
Frederick	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	6	12	5	..	17
Groton and Putney...	32	10	..	32	10	..	1	5	..	7	12	..	3	..	8	120	20	59	199	5	..	204	
Hecla .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	3	..	..	3
Langford	30	2	95	22	10	..	2	1	8	2	..	..	4	1	15	192	16	1	209	6	..	215
Leola	5	1	..	5	1	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	5	..	..	22	..	..	22	3	..	25
Mellette	10	10	..	20	..	..	..	5	..	..	8	..	3	..	3	68	..	..	68	..	..	68
Milbank	130	20	20	130	20	..	3	10	5	10	12	..	9	3	148	523	60	616	1189	5	2	1206	
Northville .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	46	56	22	..	78	8	..	86
Roscoe .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selby .....	..	5	..	..	5	..	..	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	2	20	1	12	33	4	2	39
Sisseton	120	..	22	82	..	..	3	7	..	16	9	..	9	1	79	348	60	35	443	6	2	451
Summit .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westport	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	6	..	..	6
Webster .....	..	8	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	25	4	..	29	2	..	31
Waubay .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
White Rock .....	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	42	54	8	..	62
Total	838	168	241	636	168	34	18	14	99	86	78	114	7	123	20	967	3656	577	1205	5438	106	16	5560

Statistics No. 1

HURON DISTRICT

G. T. NOTSON, District Supt.

Name of Charges	Church Membership				Baptisms		Sunday Schools			Epworth League				Church Property						
	Probationers	Members	Local Preachers	Deaths	Children	Adults	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars Including C. R. & H. D.	Sr. Chapters	Members	Jr. Chapters	Members	Churches	Probable value	Parsonages	Probable Value	Pd. Bldg. Im. Ch. Prop. & P's'ngs.	Paid on Old Indebtedness	Pres. Indebtedness Church Prop.
Alpena	2	124	.	2	2	2	2	22	150	1	54	1	38	2	4000	1	2500	150	....	....
Blunt	11	71	1	2	1	14	1	11	80	.	..	.	..	1	5600	1	2000	500	425	2300
Broadland .....	.	48	.	.	7	8	2	12	100	.	..	.	..	1	2500	.	....	100	....	....
Burdette	1	51	.	1	.	.	2	11	178	.	..	.	..	2	3700	1	1500	1800	....	400
Carpenter	6	68	.	.	.	1	3	18	90	1	33	.	..	2	3500	1	1200	50	....	....
Cavour	11	58	1	.	4	.	3	17	110	.	..	.	..	3	6000	1	800	70	....	200
Esmond .....	..	87	.	2	.	.	2	23	99	2	39	.	..	1	1500	1	1800	30	....	....
Faulkton .....	..	101	.	1	1	4	1	14	154	1	20	.	..	1	5000	1	1500	150	....	200
Gettysburg	8	83	1	1	1	5	2	23	260	.	..	.	..	1	6500	1	1000	....	....	....
Harrold	21	33	.	1	1	1	3	20	120	.	..	.	..	1	4500	1	400	....	300	1800
Highmore	5	115	.	1	2	5	3	22	221	1	16	.	..	1	4000	1	1400	125	70	....
Hitchcock	17	82	.	.	6	.	2	19	153	.	..	.	..	1	3000	1	2000	....	....	....
Huron	23	487	1	6	17	45	1	26	460	1	80	2	100	1	25000	1	6000	200	300	1300
Iroquois	1	91	.	2	9	.	1	18	150	1	20	.	..	1	3000	1	1500	225	....	....
Lane and Viola .....	..	81	.	.	6	.	2	19	120	2	50	.	..	2	7000	.	....	142	1200	....
Lebanon	1	22	.	1	3	.	1	12	40	.	..	1	15	1	2000	1	1000	....	....	600
Miller .....	..	115	1	.	5	.	2	20	187	1	26	.	..	1	2500	1	5000	50	....	2000
Onida .....	..	25	.	.	.	.	1	7	40	.	..	.	..	1	2500	.	....	....	....	....
Orient .....	..	36	.	1	6	.	1	10	106	.	..	.	..	1	3300	.	....	200	....	....
Pierre	10	162	1	1	7	.	1	17	270	1	50	.	..	1	80000	2	4000	24000	....	4300
Redfield	3	171	.	.	5	5	1	20	280	1	45	.	..	1	18000	1	3000	900	....	....
Rockham	1	72	.	.	8	2	2	17	172	1	7	1	19	2	6800	1	2000	87	367	1388
Seneca	4	41	.	.	.	.	1	10	115	.	..	.	..	1	3500	1	2000	75	....	1200
St. Lawrence	3	60	1	.	3	.	1	10	120	1	20	1	20	1	4000	1	1000	....	400	200
Tulare .....	..	90	2	2	.	.	3	24	224	1	65	1	30	1	5000	1	1000	....	70	80
Wessington	1	44	.	.	.	.	2	12	90	.	..	.	..	1	2000	1	2500	....	....	1200
Wessington Springs .....	..	325	2	.	4	.	1	25	282	1	36	.	..	1	6000	2	5000	175	990	1656
Wolsey	7	57	.	.	4	.	2	21	138	.	..	.	..	2	5000	1	2000	195	31	391
Summary	136	2800	11	24	102	92	49	480	4507	17	581	7	222	36	225400	26	52100	29224	4153	19215

Statistics No. 2

HURON DISTRICT

G. T. NOTSON, District Supt.

Name of Charges	Sunday Schools											Collections S. S. Board	
	No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers	No. Scholars not Inc. Cradle Roll and Home Dept.	Av. Attendance	Members in Home Department	No. Children on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment Inc. C. R. and H. D.	No off'rs and t'chrs Ch. Members or Probationers	No. Scholars Ch. Members or Probationers	Members S. S. con- verted during year	Current Expenses	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools
Alpena	2	22	120	98	..	30	150	16	80	2	60	12	6
Blunt	1	11	30	24	..	30	80	10	20	3	32	..	..
Broadland	2	12	80	50	..	20	100	9	..	..	25	..	..
Burdette	2	11	166	90	..	12	178	10	51	24	13	..	..
Carpenter	3	18	90	70	..	..	90	17	40	..	75	7	..
Cavour	3	17	110	85	..	..	110	12	..	..	48	..	..
Esmond	2	23	87	65	..	35	99	23	..	..	100	..	1
Faultkton	1	14	148	98	..	6	154	14	50	25	60	6	6
Gettysburg	2	23	260	150	..	..	260	15	60	12	120	..	6
Harrold	3	20	120	90	..	..	120	20	15	..	75	..	..
Highmore	3	22	193	140	..	28	221	22	97	16	72	3	..
Hitchcock	2	19	153	70	..	..	153	17	..	10	80	..	4
Huron	1	26	360	200	..	100	460	26	250	75	250	10	..
Iroquois	1	18	114	80	22	17	150	18	..	2	60	..	7
Lane and Viola	2	19	120	84	..	..	120	19	..	..	55	2	..
Lebanon	1	12	40	25	..	..	40	6	12	..	20	..	..
Miller	2	20	160	75	..	27	187	20	45	..	100	..	..
Onida	1	7	40	..	..	..	40	4	7	..	..	..	..
Orient	1	10	76	50	..	30	106	10	30	..	50	6	6
Pierre	1	17	250	185	..	20	270	17	75	11	120	..	..
Redfield	1	20	250	150	10	10	280	20	10	..	100	..	10
Rockham	2	17	172	103	..	..	172	12	..	6	32	3	..
Seneca	1	10	115	65	..	..	115	6	..	13	40	..	..
St. Lawrence	1	10	100	75	..	20	120	10	..	6	60	..	..
Tulare	3	24	213	117	..	11	224	15	73	29	12	5	..
Wessington	2	12	90	55	..	..	90	12	35	10	35	4	..
Wessington Springs	1	25	230	140	..	52	282	23	72	..	285	50	..
Wolsey	2	21	108	70	..	28	136	22	..	8	66	..	..
Summary	49	480	4795	2494	32	486	4507	424	1022	252	2203	108	46

Statistics No. 3

HURON DISTRICT

G. T. NOTSON, District Supt.

Name of Charges	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support							Support Con. Claim'ts	Support Dist. Supts.	Support of Bishops		Total Support Pas- tors Con. Claim'ts Dist. Supts., Bishops	Current Expens				
		Claims			Receipts						Amount Ap- portioned	Amount Paid		Amount Ap- portioned	Amount Paid	Church, Sexton Fuel, Light, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves Books, Etc.	Total
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies										
Alpena	M. E. Nickerson	1000	200	1200	960	200	1160	40	20	30	100	100	10	10	1340	45	60	105
Blunt	B. W. McEldowney	1000	216	1216	912	216	1128	87	20	20	100	62	10	7	1218	98	32	130
Broadland	H. K. P. Cornish	650	...	...	650	...	650	...	13	...	65	65	6	3	725	50	25	75
Burdette	J. W. Hartley	820	100	920	820	100	920	...	16	18	82	82	9	5	1025	8	13	21
Carpenter	J. D. Stevens	875	75	950	750	75	825	125	18	20	87	71	8	7	923	25	75	100
Cavour	W. H. Evans	800	100	900	800	100	900	...	16	24	80	80	8	8	1012	25	48	73
Esmond	B. F. Stiles	900	180	1080	900	180	1080	...	18	27	90	90	9	9	1206	200	100	300
Faulkton	A. S. Loveall	764	120	884	722	120	842	42	22	22	76	72	7	7	943	200	60	260
Gettysburg	R. A. Bruce	1000	100	1100	1000	100	1100	...	20	30	90	90	10	10	1230	160	120	280
Harrold	G. T. Mathews	750	100	850	470	...	470	380	15	6	75	50	7	3	529	75	75	150
Highmore	S. F. Spitz	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	...	30	30	100	100	10	10	1290	120	72	192
Hitchcock	John Clayton	900	200	1100	900	200	1100	...	18	6	90	90	9	6	1202	94	80	174
Huron	G. W. Rosenberry	1800	420	2220	1800	420	2220	...	36	36	180	180	18	18	2454	500	250	750
Iroquois	Paul Gardner	1000	180	1180	1000	180	1180	...	30	30	100	100	10	10	1320	100	60	160
Lane and Viola	E. O. Machamer	800	144	944	800	144	944	...	24	24	80	80	8	8	1056	85	55	140
Lebanon	J. W. A. Collins	300	...	...	175	...	175	125	6	...	30	30	3	2	207	45	20	65
Miller	J. F. Gibson	1150	360	1510	1150	360	1510	...	23	20	115	100	11	6	1636	200	100	300
Onida and Agar	A. M. Lott	625	...	625	...	...	...	...	12	...	62	15	...	...	640	100	...	100
Orient	A. S. Loveall	400	...	400	180	...	400	...	12	12	40	40	4	4	456	50	50	100
Pierre	A. D. Thibodeau	1700	600	2300	1700	600	2300	...	50	50	170	170	17	17	2537	600	120	720
Redfield	D. I. Roush	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	...	45	45	150	150	15	15	2010	250	100	350
Rockham	N. P. Johnson	840	150	990	840	150	990	...	17	17	84	84	9	9	1100	146	82	228
Seneca	C. D. Bullock	600	120	720	600	120	720	...	12	8	60	60	6	1	789	50	40	90
St. Lawrence	Thomas Sanderson	900	120	1020	900	120	1020	...	18	5	80	80	9	...	1105	150	60	210
Tulare	I. L. Walsh	800	120	920	800	120	920	...	16	18	80	70	8	8	1016	90	120	210
Wessington	P. I. King	800	150	950	660	150	810	140	16	12	80	54	8	5	881	60	35	95
Wessington Springs	I. M. Hargett	1575	300	1875	1575	300	1875	...	50	50	140	140	16	16	2081	295	285	580
Wolsey	A. E. Hocking	700	150	700	150	850	...	...	21	6	70	70	7	6	926	65	66	131
Summary		25949	4555	29854	25250	4555	29664	939	587	583	2556	2375	258	210	32859	3886	2203	6089

Name of Charge	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS (DISCIPLINARY)																	Other Benevolent Collections					
	Missions						Board of Education	Board of Sunday Schools	Board of Con. Claims	Freedman's Aid Society	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	W. H. Mis. Society	W. H. Mis. Society Supplies	Total Disciplinary Collections	Local Educational Interests	Miscellaneous	Total Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Central Office Expenses Epw'th L.	Grand Total		
	Board F'r'n M's.			Board Home M's.																			
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	(c) Special Gifts	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	(c) Special Gifts																	
(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	(c) Special Gifts	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	(c) Children's Fund	(a) Church General	(b) Sunday Schools	(c) Children's Fund	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	Con. Fund	Freedman's Aid Society	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	W. H. Mis. Society	W. H. Mis. Society Supplies	Total Disciplinary Collections	Local Educational Interests	Miscellaneous	Total Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Central Office Expenses Epw'th L.	Grand Total
Alpena	67	30	27	79	..	2	1	..	7	18	..	10	10	1	56	..	308	60	100	468	8	..	476
Blunt	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	10	..	..	10	..	..	10
Broadland	10	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	20	2	..	22
Burdette	31	..	60	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	99	5	..	104	..	..	104
Carpenter	10	..	..	10	..	25	..	10	..	7	..	..	1	1	10	1	85	25	11	121	4	4	129
Cavour	17	..	..	12	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	39	8	..	47	1	..	48
Esmond	19	6	..	19	6	..	..	..	5	..	1	2	4	2	..	..	62	17	32	111	4	2	117
Faulkton	36	25	100	36	25	..	2	..	4	6	6	..	8	..	118	..	368	177	22	567	6	..	573
Gettysburg	..	21	..	..	21	..	..	..	10	..	6	5	..	..	..	..	53	..	..	58	4	..	62
Harrold	5	..	..	5	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	20	5	..	25	..	..	25
Highmore	40	5	..	55	5	..	2	..	5	3	..	6	5	1	..	..	121	40	..	161	5	1	167
Hitchcock	2	15	..	8	..	..	2	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	74	6	..	80	2	..	82
Huron	153	21	60	100	..	..	10	..	6	7	7	..	7	1	165	..	566	50	610	1226	5	..	1231
Iroquois	20	10	..	30	10	..	3	..	12	2	..	..	2	1	32	..	143	38	23	204	7	..	211
Lane and Viola	8	..	..	8	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	..	..	37	8	..	45
Lebanon	5	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	15	10	..	10	15	..	..	12	8	..	..	8	..	..	8
Miller	20	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	1	74	..	106	..	24	130	2	..	132
Onida	15	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	8	6	6	..	4	3	..	..	38	..	..	38	3	..	41
Orient	41	10	50	50	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	10	2	62	..	241	20	106	367	3	..	370
Pierre	75	18	105	122	..	..	3	..	10	5	3	4	3	2	103	7	444	37	..	481	10	..	491
Redfield	62	..	..	60	..	..	..	..	8	3	..	..	2	..	13	..	160	35	..	195	..	..	195
Rockham	13	4	..	12	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	48	16	10	74	3	..	77
Seneca	..	..	15	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	31	5	..	36	1	..	37
St. Lawrence	10	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	26	3	125	154	..	..	154
Tulare	10	16	8	..	15	..	..	..	3	5	..	..	2	..	10	5	74	5	10	89	..	..	89
Wessington	10	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	2	1	..	..	27	8	54	89	3	..	92
Wessington Springs	138	60	1553	325	..	..	5	..	..	50	..	..	24	10	319	25	2509	150	86	3075	21	3	3099
Wolsey	..	..	40	10	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	3	1	1	..	60	5	123	188	..	..	188
Summary	817	241	2018	1015	86	27	37	10	111	133	31	42	115	27	1009	53	5782	715	1336	7833	102	10	7945

Statistics No. 1

MITCHELL DISTRICT

W. S. SHEPHERD, District Supt.

Name of Charges	Church Membership				Baptisms		Sunday Schools			Epworth League					Church Property						
	Probationers	Members	Local Preachers	Deaths	Children	Adults	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars Including C. R. & H. D.	Sr. Chapters	Members	Jr. Chapters	Members	Churches	Probable value	Parsonages	Probable Value	Ed. Bldg, Im. Ch. Prop. & Pr's ngs.	Paid on Old indebtedness	Pres. Indebtedness	
Alexandria	9	186	1	3	4	..	2	36	300	1	27	..	..	2	7200	1	2200	225	....	300
Armour .....	..	70	1	3	3	..	1	16	143	1	28	..	..	1	2500	1	1500	300	100	73
Artesian	3	100	..	1	..	10	2	25	190	2	40	1	20	2	5500	1	2500	....	....	....
Bard .....	..	11	1	..	..	..	1	5	25	..	..	..	..	2	4000	..	....	....	....	....
Bijou Hills	3	81	..	..	..	..	2	15	100	1	12	..	..	2	4500	1	1200	100	....	4000
Bridgewater	2	16	..	..	..	..	1	8	60	1	25	..	..	1	2500	..	....	20	....	....
Chamberlain	12	67	..	..	..	15	1	11	100	..	..	..	..	1	3500	1	2000	105	....	....
Colome	2	74	..	1	..	6	3	20	160	..	..	..	..	1	3000	..	....	2500	....	....
Dallas	14	62	..	..	6	4	2	22	108	1	15	1	18	1	2500	..	....	500	....	500
Draper	8	20	..	..	3	..	2	15	65	..	..	..	..	1	2500	1	680	25	210	180
Dudley .....	..	12	..	..	..	..	1	7	35	..	..	..	..	1	1600	..	....	....	....	....
Ethan	1	45	..	..	..	..	1	8	72	1	..	..	..	2	6500	..	....	....	33	....
Fairfax .....	..	30	..	..	4	..	1	10	80	..	..	..	..	1	3000	1	1800	175	50	200
Farmer	17	42	..	..	21	17	1	12	60	..	..	..	..	1	1500	..	....	....	....	....
Fulton	3	53	..	..	..	..	2	8	75	..	..	..	..	1	1800	1	1600	60	....	250
Geddes	7	70	..	..	10	..	1	15	150	1	8	..	..	2	5000	1	3000	190	....	....
Gregory	3	92	..	2	7	..	2	20	230	1	30	1	20	1	3500	1	1200	1200	100	400	
Herrick .....	..	18	1	..	..	2	1	6	40	..	..	..	..	1	2850	1	....	2500	....	....
Iona .....	..	50	..	..	6	..	2	11	60	..	..	..	..	2	2000	..	....	50	100	300
Kennebec	10	66	1	..	2	..	3	10	105	..	..	..	..	1	2000	1	2500	....	2850	1050
Kimball .....	..	44	..	..	3	..	1	10	100	1	15	..	..	1	3000	1	1500	25	....	....
Letcher .....	..	63	..	..	..	..	3	20	167	..	..	..	..	1	2000	1	1000	....	....	....
Mitchell	50	1125	14	5	35	101	1	40	1150	1	150	1	75	1	75000	1	6000	5000	4500	10000	
Mt. Vernon .....	..	100	1	..	5	1	1	16	160	1	23	..	..	1	3000	1	2500	170	100	....
Murdo	19	39	..	..	7	2	1	12	102	1	23	1	35	1	3000	..	....	180	215	300
Plankinton .....	..	134	..	3	..	..	1	16	209	1	15	..	..	1	5000	1	2000	125	....	....
Platte .....	..	155	1	2	8	..	1	13	110	1	30	..	..	1	5500	1	1800	....	....	....
Presho .....	..	51	..	..	5	4	1	12	90	1	20	1	25	1	3600	..	....	140	365	....
Pnkwana .....	..	12	..	..	1	..	1	11	40	..	..	..	..	1	3000	..	....	150	25	100
Sectland	4	81	..	..	2	6	1	18	120	..	..	..	..	1	4500	1	1500	....	....	....
Springfield .....	..	82	1	..	..	..	2	18	119	..	..	..	..	2	2700	1	3000	....	400	1400
Tripp	5	96	..	..	4	1	3	29	178	1	20	..	..	3	7700	1	3200	2704	....	1088
Tripp Co. Mission ..	3	62	..	..	3	7	3	16	90	..	..	..	..	1	600	..	....	500	....	....
Tyndall .....	..	52	..	..	..	..	1	8	38	..	..	..	..	1	8000	1	1000	100	....	....
Vivian .....	..	50	..	1	1	5	5	30	150	..	..	..	..	3	1500	1	930	900	....	30
Wagner .....	..	55	..	1	10	..	2	22	140	1	36	..	..	2	5000	1	1000	100	....	300
White Lake	42	64	..	..	15	1	2	20	191	1	16	1	16	2	6500	1	2000	180	260	500
Winner .....	..	109	..	..	12	13	3	21	150	1	35	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	....	....
Woonsocket .....	..	168	..	2	6	..	1	16	220	1	26	..	..	1	3500	1	1700	....	250	150
Summary	217	3707	22	24	183	195	66	628	5682	22	494	7	209	52	200500	26	49310	18224	5558	21121	

MITCHELL DISTRICT

Statistics No. 2

W. S. SHEPHERD, District Supt.

Name of Charges	Sunday Schools											Collections S. S. Board	
	No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers	No. Scholars not Inc. Cradle Roll and Home Dept.	Av. Attendance all Grades	Mbrs. in Home Department	No Children on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment Inc. C. R. and H. D.	No off'rs and t'chrs Chc Members or Probationers	No. Scholars Chc Members or Probationers	Members S. S. con- verted during year.	Current Expenses	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools
Alexandria	2	36	245	160	25	30	300	35	....	3	160	5	..
Armour	1	16	115	65	6	22	143	16	....	..	86	5	..
Artesian	2	25	130	140	..	..	190	20	....	10	80	..	..
Bard	1	5	25	12	..	..	25	2	4	..	15	..	..
Bijou Hills	2	15	100	55	..	..	100	13	40	2	30	..	..
Bridgewater	1	8	51	32	..	9	60	8	15	..	24	..	..
Chamberlain	1	11	85	62	..	15	100	11	33	18	60	9	..
Colome	3	20	160	55	..	..	160	20	75	8	60	..	..
Dallas	2	22	98	66	..	10	103	21	40	22	80	..	..
Draper	2	15	65	30	..	..	65	10	20	..	50	1	..
Dudley	1	7	35	25	..	..	35	3	..	..	12	..	..
Ethan	1	8	..	40	..	..	72	8	..	..	43	..	..
Fairfax	1	10	62	60	..	..	80	10	20	4	50	..	..
Farmer	1	12	60	40	..	..	60	12	32	11	25	..	..
Fulton	2	8	50	40	..	25	75	2	10	..	35	..	..
Geddes	1	15	130	70	..	20	150	12	..	..	110	..	..
Gregory	2	20	200	150	..	30	230	20	50	10	50	..	1
Herrick	1	6	40	30	..	..	40	41	..	..	15	..	..
Iona	2	11	60	50	..	..	60	11	..	2	30	..	2
Kennebec	3	10	105	67	..	..	105	10	..	..	89	..	..
Kimball	1	10	85	50	..	15	100	10	24	..	50	2	..
Letcher	3	20	167	..	..	..	167	..	..	..	90	..	..
Mitchell	1	40	800	500	125	125	1150	40	250	125	700	10	10
Mt. Vernon	1	16	100	70	30	30	160	12	50	..	60	..	..
Murdo	1	12	80	50	..	22	102	12	60	15	40	..	..
Plankinton	1	16	202	125	23	..	209	16	72	6	95	..	17
Platte	1	13	100	..	..	10	110	12	..	..	70	..	..
Presho	1	12	90	52	..	..	90	10	..	4	60	..	..
Pukwana	1	11	40	30	..	..	40	8	..	..	23	..	3
Scotland	1	18	120	75	..	..	120	16	44	..	100	12	..
Springfield	2	18	119	65	..	..	119	15	..	6	43	..	..
Tripp	3	29	168	109	..	10	178	23	..	2	73	..	4
Tripp Co. Mission ..	3	16	90	80	..	..	90	13	60	40	45	..	..
Tyndall	1	8	38	28	..	..	38	8	14	..	27	..	..
Vivian	5	30	150	80	..	..	150	8	40	8	35	..	..
Wagner	2	22	115	90	..	25	140	22	..	2	81	5	..
White Lake	2	20	168	87	..	23	191	9	63	29	111	..	2
Winner	3	21	150	100	..	..	150	21	70	15	80	..	..
Woonsocket	1	16	220	120	..	..	220	21	35	2	105	..	2
Summary	66	628	4878	3010	209	421	5682	561	1126	344	2997	49	41

Names of Charges	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support							Support Con. aim'ts		Support - Dist. Supts.		Support cf Bishops		Total Support Pas- ors Con. Claim'ts Dist. Supts., Bishops	Current Expenses		
		Claims			Receipts											Deficiencies	Church, Sexton Fuel, Light, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves Books, Etc.	Total
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Amount Ap- portioned	Amount Paid	Amount Ap- portioned	Amount Paid	Amount Ap- portioned	Amount Paid					
Alexandria	P. H. McBeth.....	1250	250	1500	1207	250	1457	43	24	24	125	120	18	18	1619	300	160	460
Armour	F. H. Ray.....	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	..	14	14	81	81	5	5	1150	147	86	233
Artesian	H. C. Graf.....	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	..	17	17	100	100	8	5	1322	65	80	145
Bard	Hugh Duglay.....	300	...	300	300	...	300	..	8	2	30	30	4	1	333	25	15	40
Bijou Hills	R. M. Howell.....	559	120	679	559	120	679	..	14	3	58	34	7	2	718	50	30	80
Bridgewater	Winnie Crouch.....	294	...	294	288	...	288	6	..	..	30	30	..	..	318	25	24	49
Chamberlain	E. V. Fisher.....	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	..	20	20	100	100	10	10	1330	160	60	220
Colome	A. B. Whitmer.....	650	...	650	375	...	375	275	8	..	65	..	4	..	375	24	60	84
Dallas	E. E. Holmes.....	500	...	500	500	...	500	..	15	8	50	37	5	3	548	100	80	180
Draper	C. B. Harrold.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	60	50	110
Dudley	R. S. Koffroth.....	80	...	80	60	...	60	20	32	20	...	2	5	5	87	10	12	22
Ethan	T. W. Bradley.....	400	...	400	400	...	400	..	..	..	40	40	..	..	440	46	43	89
Fairfax	U. S. Crowder.....	160	...	160	178	...	178	..	2	2	36	36	2	2	218	75	50	125
Farmer	U. J. McClaimon.....	500	...	500	500	...	500	..	10	5	50	41	3	3	549	23	25	48
Fulton	G. D. Egner.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	..	14	5	70	16	7	1	822	50	35	85
Geddes	A. P. Jones.....	1000	250	1250	1000	250	1250	..	20	20	100	100	10	10	1380	235	110	345
Gregory	W. T. Ferguson.....	675	144	819	675	144	819	..	7	3	67	67	4	4	893	75	50	125
Herrick	U. S. Crowder.....	350	...	350	225	...	225	125	2	1	35	35	2	2	263	25	15	40
Iona	T. J. Black.....	450	...	450	450	...	450	..	2	2	45	45	3	3	500	30	30	60
Kennebec	A. J. Aitcheson.....	925	250	1175	624	250	874	301	..	..	52	52	..	..	926	...	89	89
Kimball	F. B. Dunn.....	800	150	950	800	150	950	..	16	8	80	80	7	7	1045	67	50	117
Letcher	R. B. Thibbets.....	825	100	925	825	100	925	..	..	..	85	74	..	..	999	125	90	215
Mitchell	J. S. Hoagland.....	2100	500	2600	2100	500	2600	..	100	100	210	210	20	20	2930	2200	700	2900
Mt. Vernon	W. N. Potter.....	900	360	1260	910	360	1270	..	10	10	90	90	8	8	1378	100	60	160
Murdo	C. B. Harrold.....	600	...	600	600	...	600	..	5	5	60	60	..	..	665	200	40	240
Plankinton	W. A. Greene.....	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	..	20	20	100	100	10	10	1330	167	95	262
Platte	W. A. Wilkinson.....	1100	180	1280	1100	180	1280	..	22	22	110	110	12	12	1424	200	70	270
Presho	Marion Sunderlin....	600	180	780	600	180	780	..	..	..	60	60	..	..	840	80	60	140
Pukwana	R. N. Kratz.....	400	...	400	400	...	400	..	5	5	40	30	2	2	437	40	28	68
Scotland	Chas. E. Wilcox.....	1000	120	1120	1000	120	1120	..	20	20	100	100	10	10	1250	140	100	240
Springfield	R. B. Hughes.....	850	300	1150	730	300	1030	120	11	8	85	74	5	5	1117	99	43	142
Tripp	W. O. Redfield.....	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	..	23	23	100	100	10	7	1330	97	73	170
Tripp Co. Mission	L. M. Campbell.....	300	...	300	300	...	300	..	..	..	15	15	..	..	315	...	45	45
Tyndall	O. W. Butterfield....	900	120	1020	900	120	1020	..	10	10	90	90	5	5	1125	131	27	158
Vivian	J. T. Gurney.....	750	150	900	700	150	850	50	..	..	75	58	..	..	908	30	35	65
Wagner	E. T. Underwood....	850	150	1000	717	150	867	133	18	18	85	61	9	9	955	90	81	171
White Lake	A. J. Hoyer.....	950	200	1150	950	200	1150	..	16	7	95	95	8	5	1257	100	111	211
Winner	I. P. Potter.....	700	...	700	700	...	700	..	..	..	70	50	..	..	750	25	80	105
Woonsocket	J. H. Kearton.....	1150	200	1350	1150	200	1350	..	20	20	115	115	15	15	1500	200	105	305
Summary		28468	4774	33242	27423	4774	32197	1073	505	422	2799	2538	218	189	35346	5616	2097	8613

Name of Charges	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS (DISCIPLINARY)																Other Benev Collections						
	Missions						Board of Education	Board of Sunday Schools	Conference Claimants	Freedman's Aid Society	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	N. H. Mis. Society	Total Disciplinary Collections	Local Educational Interests	Miscellaneous	Total Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Central Office Expenses Epw'th L.	Grand Total			
	Board F'r'n M's.			Board Home M's																			
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	Special Gifts	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	Special Gifts															(a) Church General	(b) Sunday Schools	(c) Children's Fund	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	Con. Fund	Freedman's Aid Society	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	N. H. Mis. Society	Total Disciplinary Collections	Local Educational Interests	Miscellaneous	Total Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Central Office Expenses Epw'th L.	Grand Total
Alexandria	92	8	...	61	8	...	5	6	...	5	...	...	5	2	147	...	339	40	...	379	8	2	389
Armour	13	6	24	17	7	...	...	...	4	5	...	...	5	...	...	...	73	18	46	137	4	1	142
Artesian	25	...	390	55	7	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	5	...	505	45	141	691	5	...	696
Bard	8	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	4	...	21	...	...	23
Bijou Hills	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	4	...	...	...	...	3	9	...	28	...	...	28	...	...	28
Bridgewater	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	5	...	...	5
Chamberlain	54	5	...	54	5	...	12	...	12	9	...	10	5	2	107	10	275	33	113	421	4	...	425
Colome	...	8	...	...	10	...	12	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	23	...	...	23	2	...	25
Dallas	1	...	...	1	...	...	12	...	4	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	8	3	...	11	3	...	14
Draper	6	...	...	6	...	...	12	...	...	1	...	12	12	...	...	...	19	5	...	24	1	1	26
Dudley	5	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	15	...	...	15
Ethan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fairfax	5	...	...	5	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	12	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	16	2	...	18
Farmer	2	...	38	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	43	2	17	62	...	...	62
Fulton	10	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	21	17	...	38	1	...	39
Geddes	10	...	20	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	10	...	63	25	33	121	2	...	123
Gregory	15	...	...	15	5	...	12	1	3	...	1	3	3	1	1	...	50	7	...	57	4	...	61
Herrick	5	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	12	...	...	12
Iona	10	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	20	...	...	20
Kennebec	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	8	...	...	8
Kimball	12	6	...	9	6	...	2	...	4	2	...	2	2	...	14	13	72	8	...	80	2	...	82
Letcher	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mitchell	400	25	405	259	...	...	20	10	10	10	10	20	50	10	772	51	2052	1200	2134	5386	30	7	5423
Mt. Vernon	60	...	...	60	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	9	...	15	...	154	36	...	190	3	...	193
Murdo	10	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	10	...	38	1	1	40
Plankinton	50	7	...	58	...	...	...	...	10	...	17	20	8	2	50	...	222	40	87	349	5	1	355
Platte	30	25	20	30	25	...	...	...	4	6	...	11	5	1	85	...	242	25	75	342	10	1	353
Presho	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pukwana	10	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	2	2	1	...	...	23	5	...	63	1	...	64
Sectland	17	8	...	22	8	...	...	...	3	12	...	12	5	...	...	...	77	35	25	137	5	...	142
Springfield	10	5	...	10	5	...	...	5	...	...	...	8	4	...	...	...	47	...	9	56	3	...	59
Tripp	35	5	...	40	...	...	...	...	6	...	11	5	8	2	3	...	115	47	21	183	5	1	189
Tripp Co. Mission	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tyndali	25	...	20	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	4	...	...	...	83	12	30	125	2	...	127
Vivian	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	5	17	...	...	17
Wagner	46	...	...	46	...	...	...	10	5	...	...	9	10	4	...	...	130	27	30	187	1	...	188
White Lake	21	...	15	21	...	...	...	3	2	...	2	5	4	...	...	...	73	25	48	146	2	...	148
Winner	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Woonsocket	54	4	42	39	3	...	...	...	3	...	2	...	8	1	56	...	212	50	114	376	4	...	380
Summary	1031	114	979	894	104	24	50	35	93	59	46	124	149	32	1274	74	5082	1719	2963	9764	111	15	9890

Statistics No. 1

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

A. C. SHEPHERD, District Supt.

Name of Charges	Church Membership				Baptisms		Sunday Schools			Epworth League				Church Property						
	Probationers	Members	Local Preachers	Deaths	Children	Adults	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars Including C. R. & H. D.	Sr. Chapters	Members	Jr. Chapters	Members	Churches	Probable value	Parsonages	Probable Value	P'd. Bldg. Im. Ch. Prop. & P's ngs.	Paid on Old Indebtedness	Pres. Indebtedness Church Prop.
Alcester .....	..	40	2	..	1	..	2	12	60	..	..	..	..	2	3000	1	1500	100	90	110
Beresford	12	70	..	2	2	2	1	13	110	1	40	..	..	1	4600	1	1500	65	..	...
Canton	13	251	..	1	15	29	1	21	269	1	27	..	..	1	4000	1	4000	125	75	225
Centerville	6	94	..	2	..	..	2	18	100	1	27	1	18	2	6500	1	1000	30	..	...
Chester	2	36	..	..	1	3	2	15	75	1	35	..	..	1	2000	..	....	50	..	...
Canistota	2	92	2	3	4	4	2	14	86	1	10	..	..	2	4300	1	1700	380	..	...
Colton	2	40	..	3	1	6	1	7	40	1	22	..	..	1	4000	1	1200	...	..	700
Davis	4	42	..	..	1	..	1	9	78	1	30	..	..	1	2500	1	1200	960	..	200
Dell Rapids	4	162	..	1	6	38	1	13	140	1	22	..	..	1	3500	1	2000	50	..	...
Egan	20	60	1	..	8	1	1	17	175	..	..	..	..	1	6000	1	1900	1300	..	4350
Elk Point	25	117	..	1	1	3	2	22	165	1	30	..	..	2	6500	1	1650	450	..	...
Flandreau	19	170	..	1	5	2	2	23	207	1	51	..	..	1	5000	1	2500	7	420	...
Flandreau Ct.	3	40	1	..	1	1	1	8	60	1	28	..	..	1	1000	..	....	...	..	...
Garretson .....	..	28	..	..	..	..	1	8	52	1	15	..	..	1	3500	1	1000	130	..	...
Gayville	6	63	1	..	..	..	2	18	95	1	65	1	38	2	4500	1	1800	100	275	...
Harrisburg	2	50	1	..	2	..	3	25	153	1	20	..	..	1	2200	1	1000	10	..	...
Hartford	3	148	..	..	5	25	1	21	185	1	55	..	..	1	4500	1	1500	25	..	...
Hudson .....	..	102	1	2	..	..	2	16	90	1	40	..	..	2	4000	1	1500	10	..	50
Hurley .....	..	111	..	2	5	1	2	15	190	1	35	..	..	2	5500	1	1500	9000	..	25
Lennox .....	..	64	..	..	1	..	3	21	124	1	20	..	..	2	3000	1	1500	100	..	...
Montrose	6	49	1	1	..	..	1	11	78	..	..	1	25	1	2750	1	1900	...	130	275
Parker	21	195	2	2	12	1	1	21	474	1	70	..	..	1	7000	1	2500	150	..	...
Salem	1	87	1	1	11	3	1	18	110	1	15	..	..	1	3500	1	2500	200	..	...
Sioux Falls First ..	..	546	3	3	10	8	1	48	796	1	70	1	50	1	17000	1	5000	300	..	...
Sioux Falls Jordan ..	10	83	1	1	12	..	2	22	255	..	..	..	..	2	4400	1	2800	50	..	1000
Valley Springs	3	105	2	1	6	7	3	20	110	..	..	..	..	3	7000	..	....	328	..	...
Vermillion	38	554	1	..	6	2	1	26	340	1	76	1	30	1	12000	1	3000	475	..	...
Volin .....	..	29	..	..	..	2	1	15	70	1	20	1	20	1	3000	..	....	...	..	...
Wakonda	3	67	..	..	8	4	2	17	177	1	33	..	..	3	10000	1	3000	3600	50	1100
Yankton	29	270	..	2	7	5	1	20	380	1	50	..	..	1	12000	1	2500	60	..	1800
Total	234	3570	17	30	130	147	47	534	5249	25	906	6	181	43	158750	26	53150	11015	1040	9835

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

Statistics No. 2

A. C. SHEPHERD, District Supt.

Name of Charges	Sunday Schools										COLLECTION FOR BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS		
	No. of Schools	No. of Officers Teachers	Grades, not including Cradle Roll and Home Dept.	Average Attendance of all Grades	No. Members in Home Department	No. of Children on the Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment in all Depts. including Cradle Roll and Home Dept. but no Officers and Teachers	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers	No. of Scholars, whether Attend- ants or Members in Home Dept. who are Ch'ch Mbrs. or Probationers	No. of Mbrs of Sunday School Converted during the Year.	Current expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools
Alcester	2	12	60	45	..	..	60	12	25	3	15	...	4
Beresford	1	13	110	67	..	..	110	11	...	...	60	10	..
Canton	1	21	207	141	32	30	269	21	193	37	120	...	..
Centerville	2	18	100	66	..	..	100	17	47	6	86	5	..
Chester	2	15	75	50	..	..	75	13	36	4	35	..	..
Canistota	2	14	71	35	..	15	86	15	49	6	80	2	4
Colton	1	7	40	30	..	..	40	7	25	...	30	...	..
Davis	1	9	78	50	..	..	78	9	...	5	50	...	..
Dell Rapids	1	13	105	87	..	35	140	13	...	45	91	...	..
Egan	1	17	125	88	25	25	175	15	40	1	62	8	..
Elk Point	2	22	165	115	..	...	165	21	50	6	90	2	4
Flandreau	2	23	180	120	..	27	207	22	...	...	88	15	..
Flandreau Ct.	1	8	60	40	..	..	60	8	20	8	20	...	20
Garretson	1	8	52	28	..	..	52	6	14	6	36	2	1
Gayville	2	18	95	65	..	..	95	18	85	1	80	4	..
Harrisburg	3	25	158	32	..	..	158	20	25	...	80	4	..
Hartford	1	21	185	115	..	..	185	21	90	20	100	16	..
Hudson	2	16	90	60	..	..	90	16	...	7	20	...	5
Hurley	2	15	176	100	..	14	190	12	...	4	94	3	..
Lennox	3	22	115	110	..	9	124	16	31	...	64	15	..
Montrose	1	11	78	30	..	..	78	11	30	...	35	1	..
Parker	1	21	383	195	15	80	474	21	150	30	275	15	5
Salem	1	18	110	82	..	..	110	16	...	4	75	5	..
Sioux Falls First ..	1	48	746	387	..	50	796	48	...	...	466	20	..
Sioux Falls Jordan ..	2	22	225	140	..	30	255	15	40	...	75	...	1
Valley Springs	3	20	110	75	..	..	110	20	65	5	53	2	2
Vermillion	1	26	310	167	15	15	340	23	200	3	183	7	..
Volm	1	15	60	40	..	10	70	12	20	12	30	5	..
Wakonda	2	17	177	90	..	..	177	9	33	5	65	8	..
Yankton	1	20	315	165	..	65	380	20	200	...	140	10	..
Total		535	4761	2815	87	405	5249	488	1468	218	2700	151	46

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SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

A. C. SHEPHERD, District Supt.

Name of Charges	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support							Support Con. Claim'ts		Dist. Supts. Support		Support of Bishops		Total Support Pas- tors Con. Claim'ts Dist. Supts., Bishops	Current Expenses		
		Claims			Receipts			Deficiencies	Amount Ap- portioned	Amount Paid	Amount Ap- portioned	Amount Paid	Amount Ap- portioned	Amount Paid		Church, Sexton Fuel, Light, etc.	S. S. Lesson Books, Etc.	Total
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total											
Alcester	W. J. Sherman.....	437	97	534	437	27	464	70	22	22	44	44	4	4	534	54	15	69
Beresford	H. L. Shoemaker....	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	..	20	20	100	100	10	10	1280	140	60	200
Canton	A. E. Buriff.....	1200	360	1560	1260	360	1620	..	24	24	120	120	12	12	1776	300	120	420
Centerville	O. P. Jackson.....	750	120	870	750	120	870	..	15	15	75	75	7	7	967	110	86	196
Chester	A. H. Beardsley.....	650	50	700	650	50	700	..	13	10	65	65	6	4	779	15	35	50
Canistota	J. R. Krins.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	..	14	14	70	70	7	7	891	135	80	215
Colton	Chester B. Thomas..	675	120	795	503	120	623	172	13	3	67	67	7	2	695	75	30	105
Davis	George H. Book.....	850	...	850	850	...	850	..	15	10	75	75	7	7	932	50	50	100
Dell Rapids	W. E. Gale.....	1000	180	1180	1000	180	1180	..	20	...	100	100	10	10	1200	100	91	191
Egan	N. A. Christensen..	800	150	950	800	150	950	..	16	16	80	80	8	8	1054	49	62	111
Elk Point	H. E. Rice.....	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	..	16	16	90	90	10	10	1166	175	90	265
Flandreau	A. W. Thurston.....	1000	250	1250	1000	250	1250	..	20	20	100	100	10	10	1380	318	88	406
Flandreau Ct.	D. C. Arms.....	160	...	160	128	...	128	32	4	8	16	16	2	2	154	24	20	44
Garretson	P. V. Brethorst.....	400	120	520	400	120	520	..	8	8	40	40	4	4	572	50	36	86
Gayville	Charles Thomas.....	800	150	950	800	150	950	..	14	14	80	80	7	7	1057	150	80	230
Harrisburg	C. O. Biggar.....	700	100	800	650	100	750	50	14	15	70	70	7	6	841	50	80	130
Hartford	Wm. N. Deller.....	850	150	1000	850	150	1000	..	17	17	85	85	8	8	1110	400	100	500
Hudson	F. L. Kruwel.....	650	150	800	650	150	800	..	7	..	65	65	7	..	865	50	20	70
Hurley	Wm. S. Rowden.....	880	120	1000	796	120	916	84	17	..	88	64	9	..	980	130	94	224
Lennox	Herbert Pollard.....	700	100	800	640	100	740	60	14	8	70	70	7	5	823	32	64	96
Montrose	Myron Redfield	375	...	375	375	...	375	..	7	7	37	37	3	3	422	50	35	85
Parker	Harry P. Eberhart..	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	..	24	24	120	120	12	12	1556	287	275	562
Salem	T. H. Trevithick....	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	..	20	20	100	100	10	10	1320	120	75	205
Sioux Falls First ..	J. M. Brown.....	2000	600	2600	2000	600	2600	..	40	85	200	200	30	30	2915	1200	466	1666
Sioux Falls Jordan ..	S. H. Shurtleff.....	725	200	925	700	200	900	25	14	4	72	62	4	2	968	110	75	185
Valley Springs	George N. Gage.....	700	...	700	700	...	700	..	12	12	70	70	8	8	790	125	53	188
Vermillion	Fred E. White.....	1400	240	1640	1400	240	1640	..	28	28	140	140	14	14	1822	560	183	743
Volin	Ira W. Ellis.....	550	90	640	550	90	640	..	15	15	75	75	8	8	738	60	20	90
Wakonda	Edgar E. Saxton....	825	225	1050	800	225	1025	25	25	25	83	83	8	8	1141	150	65	215
Yankton	J. M. Tibbetts.....	1400	250	1650	1400	250	1650	..	25	25	140	140	15	15	1830	857	140	997
Total		25277	4622	29899	24889	4552	29441	518	513	485	2537	2503	261	233	32662	5946	2698	8644

Name of Charges	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS (DISCIPLINARY)																		Other Benevolent Collections					
	Missions						Board of Education	Board of Sunday Schools	Board of Conference Claimants	Freedman's Aid Society	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Disciplinary Collections	Local Educational Interests	Miscellaneous	Total Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Central Office Expenses Epw'th L.	Grand Total				
	Board F'r'n M's.			Board Home M's.																				
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	Special Gifts	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	Special Gifts															(a) Church General	(b) Sunday Schools	(c) Children's Fund	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	Con. Fund	Permanent Fund
Alcester	5	5	10	10	..	10	1	..	3	..	4	6	10	1	1	3	3	72	..	7	79	5	..	84
Beresford	42	..	..	42	..	..	..	..	4	10	..	10	..	6	..	..	..	116	37	..	153	10	..	165
Canton	44	46	100	44	46	..	2	..	..	..	..	7	5	5	3	19	21	404	15	611	1030	12	..	1042
Centerville	25	..	40	35	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	4	..	4	1	93	..	211	10	73	294	6	..	302
Chester	15	..	..	15	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	4	..	3	4	..	..	46	10	..	56	4	..	62
Cannistota	20	5	..	22	3	..	1	1	1	..	4	4	3	3	1	11	..	81	12	191	284	4	..	288
Colton	5	..	..	5	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	5	17	3	..	20
Davis .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	7	..	..	..	5	..	19	..	20	39	4	1	44
Dell Rapids	55	15	..	50	15	..	4	5	5	6	..	1	..	7	2	169	..	329	45	484	858	1	..	859
Egan	40	..	10	40	..	..	1	1	1	8	..	8	..	4	1	..	..	113	30	53	196	7	..	203
Elk Point	15	15	..	15	15	..	..	..	..	2	4	..	..	5	1	85	..	157	..	93	250	2	..	252
Flandreau	93	30	30	93	30	..	4	..	4	15	..	10	..	14	..	83	..	406	65	68	539	7	2	548
Flandreau Ct.	12	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	8	..	3	8	..	8	..	1	..	52	..	73	125	4	..	129
Garretson	15	5	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	4	..	2	1	1	..	51	2	10	63	4	1	68
Gayville	75	..	..	75	..	..	4	..	..	4	..	7	..	1	1	1	1	169	20	35	224	5	..	229
Harrisburg	7	..	5	12	..	..	10	..	..	4	..	5	10	2	1	..	..	56	..	38	94	3	..	97
Hartford	35	44	70	71	..	..	3	7	5	16	..	9	..	9	5	..	..	274	56	..	330	8	..	338
Hudson	15	..	..	16	..	..	2	..	..	5	..	1	1	2	1	63	5	111	5	19	135	1	1	137
Hurley	35	..	..	33	..	..	3	..	..	3	..	2	..	2	2	33	..	112	10	..	122	..	..	122
Lennox	8	..	..	7	9	..	1	..	..	14	..	8	..	6	..	5	..	58	3	24	85	3	1	89
Montrose	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	6	2	..	8	..	..	8
Parker	100	13	..	80	13	..	5	3	3	15	5	12	..	16	5	205	..	472	98	54	624	11	3	638
Salem	10	30	15	15	20	..	..	2	5	5	..	10	..	5	1	35	..	148	40	6	194	5	1	200
Sioux Falls First ..	486	245	..	175	245	..	..	14	20	20	..	20	..	45	5	383	20	1658	200	138	1996	15	4	2015
Sioux Falls Jordan ..	19	..	..	14	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	17	..	55	4	8	67	3	..	70
Valley Springs	40	5	197	43	2	..	2	3	3	2	2	8	..	3	2	..	..	309	35	29	373	3	..	376
Vermillion	100	..	21	100	..	..	2	11	7	7	..	2	..	15	2	519	..	779	76	90	945	5	2	1001
Volin	25	..	..	25	..	..	1	..	5	5	..	7	..	8	..	..	..	71	20	..	91	5	1	93
Wakonda	32	14	13	32	14	..	2	..	5	8	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	116	30	35	181	7	2	190
Yankton	442	..	..	75	25	..	..	5	5	10	..	25	..	20	3	100	..	705	75	20	800	..	2	802
Total	1816	472	501	1177	437	10	53	8	89	175	23	191	29	201	45	1891	50	7168	900	2184	10252	146	28	10426

Name of Charges	Church Membership				Baptisms		Sunday Schools			Epworth League				Church Property						
	Probationers	Members	Local Preachers	Deaths	Children	Adults	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars Including C. R. & H. D.	Sr. Chapters	Members	Jr. Chapters	Members	Churches	Probable value	Parsonages	Probable Value	Pd. Bldg. Im. Ch. Prop. & P's'ngs.	Paid on Old Indebtedness	Pres. Indebtedness
Arlington .....	..	116	..	4	2	..	1	14	168	1	140	..	..	1	3500	1	5000	3400	75	1400
Brockings .....	..	310	2	4	13	2	1	23	425	1	52	..	..	1	23000	1	3000	25	2411	....
Bruce .....	..	42	..	..	..	..	2	12	70	1	30	..	..	2	2500	1	1000	231	....	....
Clark	3	185	..	1	3	11	2	26	216	1	42	..	..	2	11000	1	2700	1601	....	800
Castlewood .....	..	68	..	2	1	..	1	11	77	1	25	1	27	1	2500	1	2000	100	....	*1200
Colman	7	76	1	1	5	2	2	19	100	..	..	..	..	2	5000	1	1500	153	729	....
Clear Lake	10	75	..	..	..	..	1	15	100	1	33	..	..	1	3000	1	2000	309	....	....
De Smet	6	77	1	2	3	1	1	10	79	1	27	1	10	1	3000	1	1000	50	....	17
Doland	5	141	..	1	6	13	2	24	194	1	39	1	68	2	7000	1	4000	300	....	....
Elkton	2	75	..	..	5	..	5	25	220	1	20	..	..	2	3500	..	....	150	....	....
Frankfort	3	65	..	..	..	2	1	8	103	1	23	1	30	1	2000	1	2300	1575	....	925
Garden City	4	135	..	1	5	2	1	20	214	1	40	1	34	1	7500	1	2000	175	....	....
Gary	32	218	1	2	16	6	3	29	234	1	40	..	..	3	6000	1	2600	200	....	150
Hazel .....	..	111	..	7	5	4	2	22	203	2	70	..	..	2	6000	1	2000	1100	....	....
Henry .....	..	113	1	..	6	..	2	17	163	1	25	..	..	2	5000	1	2000	....	....	....
Howard	2	88	..	1	1	..	1	12	111	1	28	..	..	1	3500	..	....	....	....	....
Junius .....	..	41	..	1	..	..	2	17	105	1	24	..	..	1	2000	1	1000	937	....	263
Kampeska	1	13	..	..	1	..	1	9	50	..	..	..	..	1	1500	1	800	....	....	....
Lake Preston	17	89	1	..	5	..	1	13	120	1	43	1	25	1	7000	1	2000	175	....	850
Madison	16	300	1	2	2	..	1	29	250	1	50	1	50	1	25000	1	2000	....	....	....
Oldham .....	..	10	1	..	..	..	1	7	50	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	....	....
Rosewell	6	59	..	..	..	..	3	22	112	1	35	..	..	2	4500	1	2000	4000	....	500
Watertown	10	500	..	4	9	9	1	35	530	1	60	..	..	1	16000	1	5000	....	1700	....
White	17	143	2	3	7	2	1	15	161	1	24	..	..	1	3000	1	1800	....	....	....
Total	141	3050	11	36	95	54	39	434	4055	22	870	7	244	33	153000	21	47700	14481	4915	5115

*Provided for by individual interest-bearing notes.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT

Statistics No. 2

ORIEN E. BOYCE, District Supt.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

SUNDAY SCHOOLS													
Name of Charges	No. of Schools	No. of Officers Teachers	No. of Scholars of all Grades, not including Cradle Roll and Home Dept.	Average Attendance of all Grades	Members in Home Department	No. of Children on the Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment in all Depts. including Cradle Roll and Home Dept. but no Officers and Teachers	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers	No. of Scholars, whether Attendants or Members in Home Dept. who are Chrch Mbrs. or Probationers	No. of Mbrs of Sunday School Converted during the Year.	Current expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	COLLECTION FOR BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
												(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools
Arlington	1	14	148	120	..	20	168	14	...	..	135	...	5
Brookings	1	23	350	276	25	50	425	23	290	2	300	10	..
Bruce	2	12	57	45	..	..	70	12	...	...	70	...	..
Clark	2	26	200	144	..	16	216	24	85	12	120	26	..
Castlewood	1	11	66	47	..	..	77	11	40	...	52	...	..
Coleman	2	19	100	75	..	..	100	18	45	6	42	...	2
Clear Lake	1	15	85	65	..	30	100	14	50	...	100	...	..
De Smet	1	10	79	45	10	15	79	10	40	...	30	...	..
Doland	2	24	194	157	..	..	194	20	93	14	128	20	..
Elkton	5	25	205	140	..	15	220	15	90	...	70	12	..
Frankfort	1	8	80	50	..	23	103	8	50	...	50	...	..
Garden City	1	20	214	125	..	..	214	19	60	8	40	8	..
Gary	3	29	219	148	..	15	234	28	126	53	65	1	1
Hazel	2	22	186	110	..	17	203	20	80	6	150	...	5
Henry	2	17	180	100	..	15	163	17	...	...	70	...	..
Howard	1	12	99	68	..	12	111	8	35	...	63	6	3
Junius	2	17	105	54	..	..	105	8	16	...	30	4	..
Kameska	1	9	38	30	..	12	50	3	3	...	22	...	..
Lake Preston	1	13	120	75	..	..	120	12	80	1	60	10	..
Madison	1	29	...	160	..	..	250	29	...	...	105	...	..
Oldham	1	7	50	45	..	..	50	3	...	...	13	...	1
Roswell	3	22	112	72	..	..	112	18	...	8	103	...	..
Watertown	1	35	500	255	30	35	530	35	400	25	300	50	..
White	1	15	141	76	..	20	161	13	...	5	110	...	18
Total	39	434	3528	2482	65	295	4055	382	1583	140	2228	147	38

ABERDEEN TENT, AWNING AND FUR COMPANY

We Remodel and Repair All Kinds of
FUR GOODS

BUTTOLPH & KURTZ

15 Third Ave. S. W.

Aberdeen, S. D.

Statistics No. 3

WATERTOWN DISTRICT

ORIEN E. BOYCE, District Supt.

Name of Charges	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support							Support Con. Claim'ts		Support Dist. Supts.		Support of Bishops		Total Support Pastors Con. Claim'ts Dist. Supts., Bishops	Current Expenses		
		Claims			Receipts				Amount Ap-portioned	Amount Paid	Amount Ap-portioned	Amount Paid	Amount Ap-portioned	Amount Paid		Church, Sexton Fuel, Light, etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves Books, Etc.	Total
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies										
Arlington	R. E. Tarleton	1000	250	1250	1000	250	1250	...	20	20	100	100	10	10	1380	135	135	270
Brookings	W. A. Black....	1400	240	1640	1400	240	1640	...	28	28	140	140	14	14	1822	750	300	1050
Bruce	S. M. Davis....	650	100	750	350	100	450	300	13	6	75	75	7	6	537	103	70	173
Clark	A. C. McLean..	1200	250	1450	1165	250	1415	35	24	25	120	100	12	12	1552	300	120	420
Castlewood	C. C. Boslaugh	700	200	900	500	200	700	200	14	..	70	54	7	..	754	70	52	122
Coleman	A. A. Pitman..	625	120	745	650	120	770	...	12	..	62	62	6	6	838	40	42	82
Clear Lake	H. C. Burrows..	700	150	850	583	150	733	117	14	5	70	43	7	2	783	100	100	200
De Smet	F. Rawlinson..	800	120	920	570	120	690	230	16	8	80	60	8	5	763	108	30	138
Doland	L. L. Layne....	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	...	20	20	100	100	10	10	1330	190	128	318
Elkton	C. W. Skinner.	725	...	725	513	...	513	212	14	14	72	62	7	7	596	50	70	120
Frankfort	W. J. Dudgeon	800	216	1016	611	216	827	189	16	4	61	50	8	8	889	122	50	172
Garden City ...	John Kaye....	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	...	20	20	100	100	10	10	1280	150	40	190
Gary	L. W. Darling.	975	225	1200	975	225	1200	...	18	2	97	87	9	3	1292	200	65	265
Hazel	E. R. Little....	850	180	1030	850	180	1030	...	17	17	85	85	8	8	1140	150	150	300
Henry	H. C. Riley....	1000	180	1180	955	180	1135	45	20	8	100	90	10	5	1238	112	70	182
Howard	R. G. Minkler..	1000	120	1120	1000	120	1120	...	20	25	100	100	10	10	1255	113	63	176
Junius	A. L. Wilson...	560	30	590	520	30	550	40	10	4	50	50	10	4	603	55	30	85
Kampeska	Francis Tanner	500	150	650	500	150	650	...	10	2	50	25	10	2	679	20	22	42
Lake Preston ..	P. O. Bunt.....	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	...	20	30	100	100	10	10	1340	125	60	185
Madison	G. W. Erb.....	1500	240	1740	1500	240	1740	...	30	30	150	112	15	15	1897	550	105	655
Oldham	John Oakley...	450	...	450	450	...	450	...	8	2	45	28	4	2	482	56	13	69
Roswell	M. R. Baldrige	700	95	795	700	95	795	...	14	1	70	70	7	..	866	...	103	103
Watertown	J. N. Greene....	1700	400	2100	1700	400	2100	...	34	58	170	170	17	17	2345	460	300	760
White	W. E. Hartung	1150	150	1300	1150	150	1300	...	23	23	115	115	11	11	1449	180	110	290
Total		20642	3966	25951	20642	3966	24608	1368	435	352	2182	1978	227	177	27115	4139	2228	6367

Name of Charges	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS (DISCIPLINARY)															Other Benev Collections						
	Missions					Board of Education			Board of Sunday Schools	Conference Claimants	Freedman's Aid Society	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	W. H. Mis. Society	Total Disciplinary Collections	Local Educational Interests	Miscellaneous	Total Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Central Office Expenses Epw'th L.	Grand Total	
	Board F'r'n M's.			Board Home M's.																		
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	Special Gifts	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	(a) Church General	(b) Sunday Schools	(c) Children's Fund														
Arlington	45	35	...	45	35	7	...	...	...	5	3	10	1	160	...	346	25	68	439	5	10	454
Brookings	192	14	110	107	55	5	...	10	10	...	5	27	5	161	104	805	100	18	923	8	4	935
Bruce	24	...	...	24	...	5	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	62	...	...	62	...	...	62
Clark	70	61	30	70	61	...	...	10	26	...	10	12	4	220	...	609	60	129	798	7	2	807
Castlewood .....	...	3	8	...	4	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	23	...	...	23	...	...	23
Coleman	19	...	...	...	19	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	51	...	...	51	...	...	51
Clear Lake	5	...	11	5	...	...	...	10	...	3	1	1	2	...	...	38	2	15	55	4	...	59
De Smet	14	3	8	14	3	...	...	5	2	...	3	3	...	23	...	78	5	...	83	1	1	85
Doland	36	24	40	82	...	1	...	14	20	...	10	10	1	8	32	278	60	...	338	...	...	340
Elkton	28	11	10	33	11	1	...	4	...	...	7	5	1	15	11	149	10	26	285	2	1	288
Frankfort .....	...	15	...	12	...	...	1	...	...	3	2	2	...	...	...	35	3	...	35	...	...	38
Garden City	21	26	...	21	26	7	...	7	8	...	10	15	3	65	...	209	35	22	266	...	2	268
Gary	3	...	...	3	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	13	1	539	553	1	1	555
Hazel	30	...	7	30	...	...	...	3	14	...	8	9	2	46	19	167	30	170	367	5	3	375
Henry	43	7	...	43	7	10	...	10	...	...	4	1	102	...	...	227	...	...	227	...	1	228
Howard	47	3	...	47	3	10	...	7	6	3	30	15	3	...	...	174	30	35	239	3	2	244
Junius	10	...	...	10	...	...	...	2	4	...	5	2	1	1	...	36	10	63	109	3	2	114
Kampeska	4	...	...	4	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	16	1	...	17
Lake Preston	20	...	6	20	...	...	...	5	10	...	3	5	...	...	...	69	20	200	289	...	2	291
Madison	52	...	125	52	...	10	...	10	10	...	10	24	2	300	...	595	50	...	645	8	5	658
Oldham	2	2	...	2	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	11	2	...	13	...	1	14
Roswell	20	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	42	10	...	52	...	3	56
Watertown	310	250	...	250	250	12	...	20	50	...	20	30	5	371	...	1568	110	165	1843	18	...	1861
White	90	10	30	90	10	3	...	12	18	...	10	12	4	133	...	392	65	...	457	5	1	463
Total	1085	464	385	984	486	73	1	135	180	14	157	193	36	1611	207	4993	628	1450	8171	72	43	8286

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP—SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND CURRENT EXPENSE

District	Church Membership				Baptisms		Sunday Schools			Epworth League				Church Property							Current Expenses			
	Probationers	Members	Local Preachers	Deaths	Children	Adults	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars Including C. R. & H. D.	Sr. Chapters	Members	Jr. Chapters	Members	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Value	Pd. Bldg. Im. Ch. Prop. & Fixings.	Paid on Old Indebtedness	Pres. Indebtedness Church Prop.	Total Support Pastors Con. Claims Dist. Supts., Bishops	Church, Sexton Fuel, Light, etc.	N. S. Lesson Leaves Books, Etc.	Total
Aberdeen ..	74	2624	10	23	116	107	53	469	4290	22	606	14	388	45	238000	28	52550	24033	7060	31526	31953	4057	2030	6087
Huron	136	2800	11	24	102	92	49	480	4507	17	581	7	222	36	225400	26	52100	29224	4153	19215	32859	3886	2178	6064
Mitchell ...	217	3707	22	24	183	195	66	628	5682	22	494	7	209	52	200500	26	49310	18224	5558	21121	35346	5616	2997	8613
Sioux Falls	234	3570	17	30	130	146	47	534	5249	25	906	6	181	43	158750	26	53150	11015	1040	9835	32662	5946	2598	8644
Watertown	141	3050	11	36	95	54	39	434	4055	22	870	7	244	33	153000	21	47700	14481	4915	5115	27116	4139	2228	6367
Sum Total																								
1910	776	14871	59	118	778	509	236	2454	21427	102	3292	46	1521	206	849880	126	253175	133495	23759	67244	148672	21494	10979	32473
1911	802	15751	71	137	626	594	254	2545	23783	108	3457	41	1244	209	975650	127	254810	96977	22726	86816	159936	23634	12131	35765
	*26	879	12	19	—125	85	18	91	2356	6	165	—5	—277	3	125770	1	1634	—36518	—1023	19572	11264	2140	1152	3292

*— indicates decrease

TREASURER'S REPORT

District	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS (DISCIPLINARY)											Other Benevolent Collections				General Conference Expenses	Central Office Expenses Epw'th L.	Episcopal Fund	RECAPITULATION
	Missions		Board of Education		Board of Sunday Schools	Board of		Freedman's Aid Society	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	W. H. Mis. Society	Dakota Wesleyan	Miscellaneous	Support of Con. 'Claim'ts (Local)					
	Board Fr'n M's.	Home M's. Board	General	Children's Fund		Con. Fund	Permanent Fund												
Aberdeen	1253	838	23	102	166	111	18	120	20	960	22	587	1210	564	122	17	235	6363	
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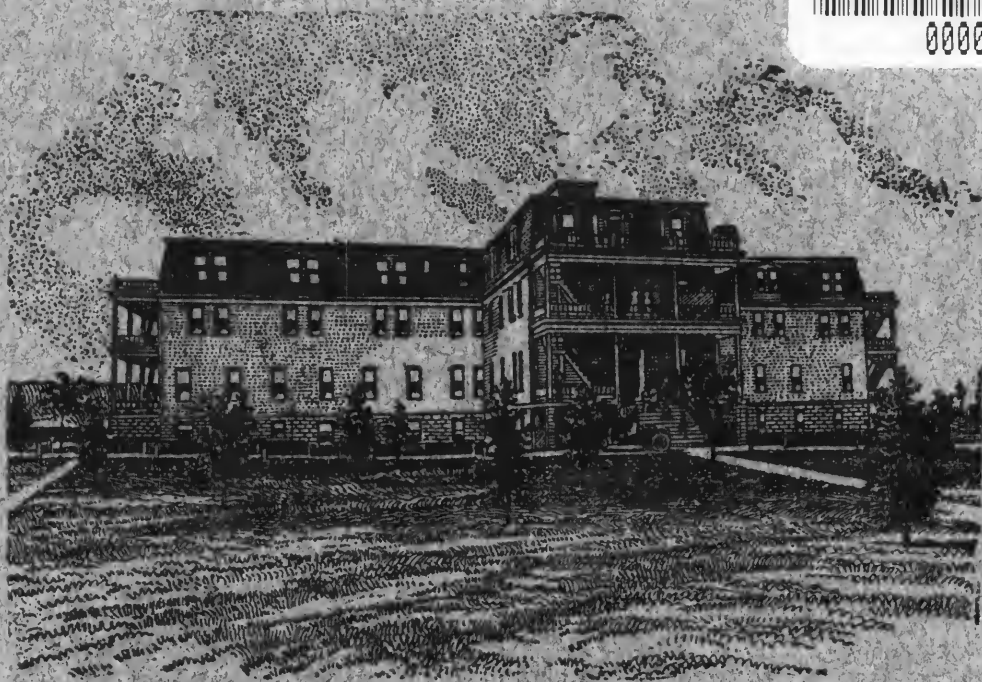
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